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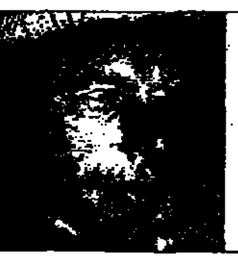

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British woman goes it alone to the top of the world

Everest assault without oxygen 'one of the greatest climbs in history'

Alison Hargreaves, who reached the peak of Everest on Saturday

By Edward Gorman

A BRITISH climber has completed one of the greatest feats in mountaineering by becoming the first woman to reach the summit of Everest alone and without oxygen.

Alison Hargreaves, 33, is only the second person to scale the 29,028 ft summit alone by the North Ridge, following in the footsteps of Reinold Messner, regarded as the greatest climber alive today.

Miss Hargreaves reached the peak at 7.23 am (BST) on Saturday and returned to base camp yesterday. Her first radio message said: "To Tom and Kate, my two children. I am on top of the world and I love you dearly."

The children were yesterday at home in the West Highlands of Scotland with their father, Jim Ballard, who said he had always been confident that his wife would realise her childhood ambition.

Derek Walker, general secretary of the British Mountaineering Council, said: "This was one of the greatest climbs in history by a woman mountaineer. It compares with the hardest climbs ever achieved by man or woman."

Michael Westmacott, president of the Alpine Club and a member of the team which put Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing on the summit in 1953, was equally effusive. "This is a tremendous achievement," he said. "It has been done without oxygen from that side before, but not by a woman." Cally Fleming, at the Nevis Range ski slope at Aonach Mor where Miss Hargreaves did much of her training, said: "This is the most important climb ever undertaken by a woman in the history of mountaineering."

Miss Hargreaves had attempted the mountain last year, but had been driven back by freezing winds at 27,500 ft. This time, she was forced to make her approach along the most arduous route almost on top of the North Ridge, as the wind had shot-blasted the slopes below almost bare of snow. This was the route taken by the ill-fated 1924 expedition which claimed the lives of George Mallory and Sandy Irvine. Reinhold Messner was able to take an easier route in 1980 because of different conditions.

Mr Ballard said that his wife, who spent a year training for the climb, had moved from a general base camp to an advanced base camp then started her climb, first to the North Col, acclimatising herself all the time. Then, from a spot 2,600 ft above the North Col, she made her final assault "like a bat out of hell."

Miss Hargreaves' conquest of Everest on her fourth expedition to the Himalayas is the latest in a line of climbing milestones that have earned her comparisons with Catherine Destivelle, the great French climber. In 1988, when six months pregnant, she became the first British woman to ascend the North Wall of the Eiger in the Alps.

Five years later she became the first person to scale the six classic north faces of the Alpine peaks: the Eiger, Matterhorn, Grandes Jorasses, Dru, Badille and Cima Grande. She plans to climb K2 in the Pakistan Himalayas next month.

The first woman to stand on the summit of Everest was Junko Tabei from Japan in 1975, who was part of a large expedition using sherpas and oxygen masks. The Britons Rebecca Stephens and Jinette Harrison, both of whom reached the peak in 1993, were also part of large expeditions and used artificial oxygen supplies.

Stephen Venables, who became the first Briton to climb Everest solo and without oxygen in 1988, said yesterday: "It's really right at the limits of what the human body can stand to operate at 29,000 ft. It so happens that the summit of Everest is right at the physiological limits of what you can do.

"You really do have to push yourself very, very hard and if you're alone up there, there is no possible chance of someone coming to rescue you."

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Anti-car protest blocks off a London street

By Joe Joseph

TRAFFIC around Camden Lock's busy Sunday market in north London was brought to a more orchestrated standstill than normal yesterday when hundreds of anti-car protesters reclaimed Camden High Street.

"The aim of the event," said Simon, one of its architects, "is to celebrate the freedom which comes from the creation of car-free space. Reclaiming the streets is not just about rejecting cars, it is about rediscovering the joys of life without them."

Similar protests are earmarked for as yet unchosen dates and venues throughout the summer by Reclaim The Streets, a recently formed group that organised yesterday's protest. A loose federation of anti-car campaigners with no membership of its own, the group also has car advertisements, oil companies and motor shows in its sights.

Yesterday's carless joys included dancing, music-making, unfurling a 50ft banner reading "Kill The Car — Free The City", juggling, a children's climbing frame and the vicious dismemberment of two jalopies with which the campaigners had blockaded the street shortly after 1pm. Music blared from a large stereo system run on frantic cycle-pedal power — less convenient than a Walkman, but more ecologically sound.

The police watched benignly, smirked at the "smog off" signs, commis-

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Major to veto probe into party funding

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister made clear last night that he would veto any attempt by Lord Nolan to investigate party political funding, in spite of mounting pressure from opposition parties to extend the committee's remit.

Downing Street sources insisted that John Major had given Lord Nolan his authority to examine standards of public life, and there was no need to widen it. "It doesn't include party funding, and that is it, as far as we are concerned," an official said.

Mr Major's intervention came amid signs of a split within Lord Nolan's ten-strong committee over whether to press for a new inquiry into party financing. Lord Nolan confirmed that the issue would be discussed when the committee meets tomorrow, but said he would back an investigation only if there was all-party agreement. He said that an inquiry could undermine the committee's work by wrecking its all-party united front, and that he was not looking for a confrontation with the Prime Minister.

But he will face strong demands tomorrow by Peter Shore, Labour MP for Bethnal Green and Stepney, and the Liberal peer Lord Thomson of Monifieth for the committee to look into allegations that donations are being made in exchange for political favours.

Labour, which is expected to raise the issue in the Commons on Thursday when MPs debate the Nolan committee's first report, accused Mr Major of "censoring the committee's work because he is alarmed at its likely conclusions".

Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, said: "You cannot understand what has been going on in recent years, with this rising tide of sleaze, unless you inquire into the connection between large secret donations to the Conservative Party and the coincidence in which these donors suddenly popped up in the Birthday or New Year's honours, or suddenly find themselves on quangos as Tory appointees."

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrat president, also called for the inquiry to be widened, saying: "The Prime Minister set up the Nolan Committee with a broad remit to clean up public life. I will be astonished and disappointed if John Major now tries to block the committee's attempt to examine the sources of party political funding."

Lord Nolan pointed out in a series of interviews yesterday that the inquiry's terms of reference did not cover party funding. The committee also had no powers to demand evidence or call witnesses. "If we were to turn into a detective agency, we would have to become a very different body," he told BBC1's *On the Record*. "We are cast in the traditional role of an auditor, a watchdog not a bloodhound, and if a watchdog sees something which needs looking into, it should bark."

He said the committee should be wary of appearing too big for its boots, and should not be tempted to turn itself into the bloodhound. He suggested, however, that an inquiry into political funding could be undertaken by a separate committee.

Lord Nolan's present committee is said to be split on the issue, with Tom King, the former Defence Secretary, said to be supporting Mr Major's line. The Prime Minister was also given strong public backing yesterday by Stephen Dorrell, National Heritage Secretary, who said Lord Nolan should stick to his existing brief.

But Mr Shore said: "Given that we are looking at the possible improper impact of money on politics and politicians, I think it is very difficult to exclude the financing of political parties." Lord Thomson added: "If ever there was an area which came within the terms of reference, I would think that was it."

Tomorrow the committee will also discuss extending its work to look at the House of Lords, freemasonry and local government. Lord Nolan supports a detailed register of interests for the House of Lords, along the lines of the Commons version outlined in his report last week.

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Blackburn's scorer Alan Shearer savours the triumph of taking the Premiership

Blackburn triumph as losers take all

By A Staff Reporter

BLACKBURN ROVERS celebrated their first championship for 81 years yesterday — despite losing their last match of the season.

Kenny Dalglish's team were beaten by a last-minute goal in their FA Carling Premiership match at Liverpool, but the 2-1 defeat proved academic as the defending champions, Manchester United, could muster only a 1-1 draw at West Ham.

Blackburn, founder members of the Football League in 1888, last won the league title in the 1913-14 season. It was especially rewarding for Dalglish to take the title at Anfield, where he masterminded Liverpool's title triumphs of 1986, 1988 and 1990.

Crystal Palace's lost 3-2 at Newcastle and was relegated after its first season back in the top flight.

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Ebola virus 'becoming an even faster killer'

From Sam Kiley
in Kikwit, Zaire

ZAIRE'S Ebola virus appears to have mutated into an even more deadly killer. It now takes only four days to incubate, and only a week to kill its victims by liquefying their organs, according to one of the world's leading authorities at Kikwit, the centre of the outbreak.

Professor Jean-Jacques Muyembe, head of Kinshasa Hospital's virology department, said Ebola "appears to be different now. People are dying faster and the incubation period has dropped sharply". As he spoke, the death toll from the fever rose to 64, and the Governor of Kinshasa ordered new roadblocks be set up to prevent the disease reaching the capital. The fourth Italian nun to die was buried at Kikwit yesterday.

The town's 400,000 inhabitants are avoiding all contact with each other, and the dead are left where they fall. Sister Sophie Pepper, from Chesterfield, a member of the Order of Our Lady of Fidelity, said: "There is fear in the town. People stick to their houses, and no-one will touch the bodies". In one house the corpse of a man in his thirties has been left on the bedroom floor; all dwellings for a hundred yards around have been abandoned.

Relatives of the first known Ebola victim, who died last month, have been ostracised. "We push them food through the fence" a neighbour said.

Police have been posted inside and outside the hospital to try to maintain the quarantine, but efforts to seal Kikwit from the rest of Zaire are failing. Professor Muyembe, trained at the US Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, was part of the team which discovered Ebola-Zaire in 1976, when it killed 275 of the 300 residents of Yambuku. He said the mutation was confusing medical detective work to find which life form carries the virus.

Lorries were sent out yesterday into the town's slums with teams of body collectors in protective clothing. The corpses spread terror faster than the virus itself. "The fear is actually a good thing," Professor Muyembe said. "It means that no one without the right gear will touch any sick people, or the bodies. This means we can contain it more easily."

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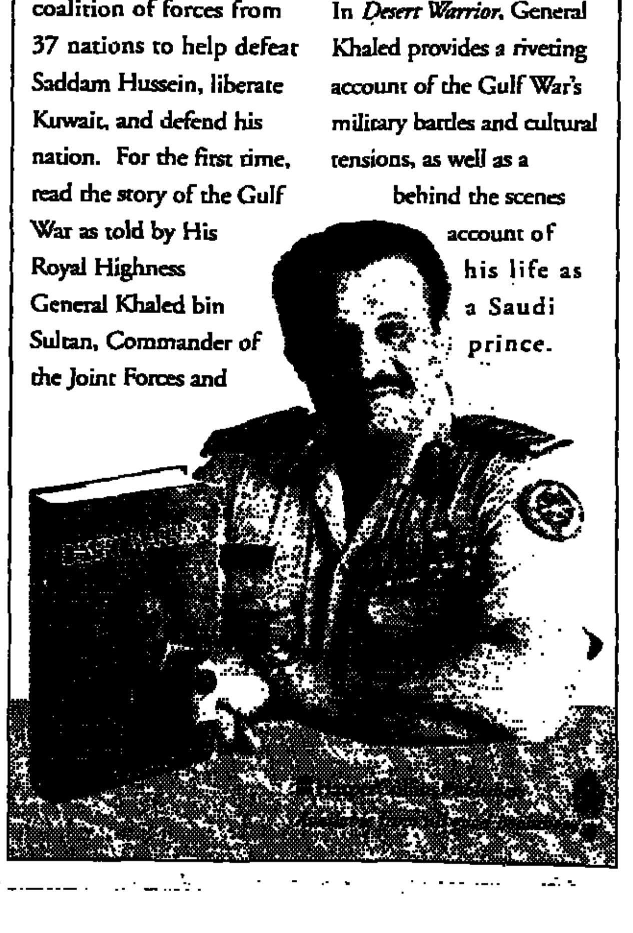

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Brown condemns £365,000 windfall for power chief

By Jill Sherman and Ross Tieman

GORDON BROWN last night urged John Major to intervene immediately over executive pay as a new row broke out over excess profits made by the heads of privatised utilities.

The Shadow Chancellor said that the Government should announce curbs on share-option profits without waiting for the Greenbury report into top people's pay. He called on the Prime Minister to tax executive share options as income, to end any tax privileges that go with them and to force boardroom perks to be disclosed.

Mr Brown's comments, in a letter to Mr Major, followed disclosures that David Jefferies, the National Grid chairman, had made a £365,000 profit after selling his share options before public trading started. The details were part of a study showing that more than 100 directors are expected to receive share-option profits totalling more than £40 million.

Calculations by *The Observer*, based upon annual accounts of privatised electricity, water and gas companies, showed that the average executive director is on course to make a profit of £350,000 on his options.

Mr Brown described Mr Jefferies' windfall as the "biggest outrage" in a series of revelations about executive pay highlighted by Labour over recent months. "Far from the abuses and excesses abating, they are worsening. When the chairman of a company is able to use executive share options to make a third of a million pounds, even before shares are being sold on the market and to sell shares before anyone can buy them, then there is something wrong."

In his letter, Mr Brown pointed out that the future of the National Grid formed part of the negotiations betwen the Government and the electricity industry. "Now that these further abuses at National Grid have been uncovered it is no longer tenable for the Government to say it can do nothng but await the findings of the Greenbury report."

Last night a Tory MP called for Mr Brown to be summoned to the all-party Commons select committee on employment, which is conducting an inquiry into this issue. Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing North and a senior member of the committee, wrote to its Labour chairman, Greville Janner, saying that Mr Brown should be compelled to spell out Labour's policy in the area.

Share options give directors the opportunity to acquire bonus shares in the future at today's price. If the company performs well the shares can be bought several years later and sold at an instant profit.

Mr Jefferies sold his GridCo shares to an employee trust at a price set by the company's auditors, the accountants Coopers & Lybrand. With the company's privatisation being prepared for September, he is sitting on a further profit of £632,000. With other, more recent options, Mr Jefferies stands to make £1 million from his options in addition to his annual salary and bonus package, which totalled £359,000 in the 12 months ending March 1994.

Four other executive directors at GridCo earning from £135,000 to £240,000 a year have share options, the company's accounts show.

Adams: in Los Angeles

Talks will continue says Adams

By Nicholas Watt

THE Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said yesterday that a meeting with Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, was not a precondition for his party continuing talks with British ministers.

Mr Adams, speaking from Los Angeles where he is on a fund-raising tour, looked ahead to possible contact with Sir Patrick when the two men attend a conference on the economic future of Northern Ireland in Washington later this month.

Mr Adams told Irish radio: "We don't deal in pre-conditions. Our people are actually in contact with the British as we speak, attempting to resolve this matter."

Anti-car protest blocks London street

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erated with traders whose turnover had shrivelled, and diverted traffic along alternative routes. Many of the rerouted drivers were less benign.

"You can't print what I think about them," sneered one fareless cab driver. A middle-aged couple in a red Citroen thought even less charitably about the idea of reclaiming Camden's streets for human beings. "It's ridiculous," he said. "There are no human beings in Camden. They're all drunks and dropouts. The whole place should be concreted over and turned into a multi-storey car park." She said: "I agree with my husband."

Still in its early days, Reclaim The Streets is, says Patrick Field, one of its founders, "an organisation operating against motor dependence. It draws members from lots of groups, like the Pedestrians Association, the M11 protesters, and also residents' associations protesting against traffic. I myself am a member of Charm — Cyclists Have a Right to Move."

Many of those who turned out yesterday — perhaps one-third of the 400 demonstrators claimed by the organisers — were veterans of sit-ins against the M11 link road in east London and the M65 in Lancashire. Many were familiar dog-on-a-rope travellers. Mr Field said: "There are some disobedients among us. Let's put it this way, we've got a few PhDs in disobedience here this afternoon." It was the two stage-prop cars — a decrepit Citroen and a lifeless Talbot Samba — that suffered the most obvious violence of the afternoon, however, as adults and children tore them to pieces.

Why? "Cars are useful, sure, but they're not for every day," Mr Field said. "You can't build a transport system on them. People who have to use a car to do the shopping or to take the children to school will come to be seen as losers. Driving a motor vehicle makes you stupid and immature."

Ministers and nurses clash over terms of pay settlement

By Jeremy Laurance and James Landale

NURSES' leaders said last night that their pay dispute was far from solved after a series of verbal exchanges with ministers over the weekend.

As nurses prepared to vote on scrapping their no-strike rule at the Royal College of Nurses' annual congress tomorrow, Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, said that the effects of any industrial action would inevitably harm patients. "There can be no suggestion that independent action against managers would not leak through eventually to patient care," he said.

"I hope that the Royal College of Nurses do not think that they can say ... 'We are not going to hurt patients but we are going to damage the system of the health service', and then try to suggest that it's not going to matter, because it will."

Mr Malone said that the new pay system would reflect the local pay situation. "It is going to lead to better and more flexible terms and conditions," he said.

However, leaders of the Royal College of Nursing accused the Government of peddling false information about nurses earnings in a deliberate attempt to undermine public support for their pay campaign. Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, ridiculed claims by Mr Malone that most NHS Trusts had offered 3 per cent.

Fewer than half of the trusts had made 3 per cent offers and only half of those were without strings. "He seems to be giving the impression the pay round is all over bar the shouting. He couldn't be more wrong," she said.

Speaking on the eve of the college's annual congress in Harrogate, she dismissed as "absolute nonsense" figures cited by John Major that nurses' pay had increased by 78 per cent in the past six years. "I challenge ministers to produce NHS figures to justify that claim. It is a clear attempt to undermine public sympathy for nurses," she said.

College figures showed that the true increase was 42 per cent over the six-year period, compared with a 46 per cent increase in average earnings, Ms Hancock said. She would consider the pay campaign to be won when 300 out of the 485 NHS Trusts had made offers of 3 per cent without conditions. "If we have got 300 of those round the country I don't believe the other trusts will be able to pay any less."

The Health Department said 240 trusts had made 3 per cent offers but Ms Hancock claimed only 107 were without strings. Many were seeking reductions in holidays or sickness absence rates as a condition of the offer, which was unacceptable. She said the college had never accepted local pay but if it was to be imposed it had to be within a national framework. One in five nurses is already on a local contracts.

Hancock: fighting on

NEWS IN BRIEF

Persistent offenders face stiffer sentences

Plans for an American-style "three strikes and you are out" sentencing policy for persistent offenders are being considered by the Government. Under the policy, the courts would be forced to impose lengthy sentences on criminals who commit a serious offence for a third time.

The law, introduced in California last year to deter criminals from reoffending after serving short sentences for previous convictions, takes its name from baseball, where the hitter is out if he misses the ball — or "strike" — three times. The Home Office yesterday would not confirm or deny that the plans were being considered, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, refused to comment.

The Queen's real wealth

The Queen dropped from second to 17th in the *Sunday Times* annual chart of Britain's richest people after Buckingham Palace complained that last year's estimate of £5 billion erroneously included her art collection, which is held in trust for the nation.

V&A defends sculpture

The V & A defended its decision to spend £30,000 on a sculpture by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi of Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, its departing director, on the ground that this revival of commissioning portraits of outgoing directors coincided with the chance to possess a well-known living artist's work.

Cemetery bans crosses

Bereaved families in Kidwelly, Dyfed, have been told they cannot erect cross-shaped headstones in the town cemetery. A council bylaw states that all gravestones must be plain, square and stand on a plinth. A woman whose father died in November is disputing the ruling.

Fire investigation

Firemen are trying to establish the cause of a fire in which four children and a man died in Farnborough, Hampshire. The victims were Christopher and Dominic Cole, aged 3 and 4, their mother's friend Alan Lovegrove, 23, and Jamie and Hayley Cavanagh, 4 and 6, who were staying the night.

Police survey on arms

Results of a police survey of 74,000 officers on whether beat constables should be armed will be announced today by the Police Federation. If results show wide support, the federation will make it a major plank of the agenda on policing that they intend to put to all political parties.

Three share jackpot

Three National Lottery ticket holders scoop £2.83 million each on week 26 with the numbers: 7, 16, 25, 26, 28, 41: the bonus ball was 19. Twenty-eight people had five numbers and the bonus ball for £93,338 each; 982 had five numbers for £1,663; 62,065 four for £57 and 1,189,896 three for £10.

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Pakistanis ask how their local hero could marry the daughter of a Western capitalist

A match nobody thought Imran would make

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent, and Lin Jenkins

CONRAD HAFTENRICHTER

Imran Khan, former cricket captain, national hero and political pin-up, has amazed his fans by announcing his marriage to Jemima Goldsmith, right, who has converted to Islam

NICK CORNISH

FROM Karachi to the Khyber, he is a god in many incarnations: cricket idol, pin-up, playboy, political dabbler, champion of the poor. He lately manifested as an Islamic flagbearer in baggy *shalwar kameez*, the classless garb of Pakistan, while ranting about Western decadence. He bowled the country over. "Imran for prime minister" became a mantra.

Now Imran Khan, who professes contempt for "brown sahibs" who deny their culture and people, is marrying an Englishwoman *half* his age, perhaps dashing his political hopes and certainly shattering those of millions of fans who believed he *would* marry a local girl. In a country where "Western" and "Jewish" are almost terms of abuse, Pakistanis would like to know what, in Allah's name, Imran is doing marrying a young Westerner whose father is of Jewish parentage.

But Imran, who led Pakistan to victory in the cricket World Cup, can claim that he has not betrayed his widely reported promise to marry a Muslim girl. Jemima Goldsmith, the daughter of Sir James Goldsmith, the British financier, has converted to Islam and reportedly taken the Muslim name of Haiqa.

"I have found someone who shares my ideals in life," he declared. "Having studied the religion, Jemima has converted to Islam through her own convictions. As far as I am concerned, in Islam there are no boundaries of race or nationality. It is a universal religion. Both our families approve and are extremely happy about the match." The truth of this statement is the subject of speculation, fuelled largely by the unorthodox nature of the formal notice of their engagement.

News came by way of a press release on Friday evening from Taskforce Communications, which acts regularly for Sir James. It read simply: "Sir James and Lady Annabel are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter to Imran Khan. The marriage will take place at the end of June."

Speaking at the front door of Ormeley Lodge, the Goldsmiths' home in Richmond, southwest London, Ms Goldsmith beamed: "I am very happy." His wife declared that she was thrilled. Imran himself remained silent on the matter until 24 hours later when he also made a statement to the Press Association confirming that his fiancée had embraced Islam.

In Pakistan yesterday, Ikramullah Niazi, father of the man dubbed "Allah's Batsman", conceded that his son had now told him of his plans, rumours of which he heard first from a Bombay newspaper. However, he still seemed unclear about how far advanced the plans were. "We will know in about a week's time," he said when asked when the wedding would take place.

Ms Goldsmith, 21, is both beautiful and clever, in the tradition of Imran's escorts. An English undergraduate at Bristol University, she met Imran in London last summer. In February she told university friends that she was going to Spain on holiday with him.

She is believed to have already performed the Islamic wedding ceremony of *nikkah* at the London Islamic Centre in Regent's Park. The couple are said to be planning a civil ceremony at Richmond register office, near the Goldsmith's home, on June 20.

Ms Goldsmith's conversion to Islam and the prospect of life amid the constraints of Muslim fundementalism in Lahore is a far cry from her gilded youth. Her friends say she will adapt. Her father is said to have been less convinced, feeling she should at least first finish her studies.

Others suggest she that she might not have fully considered the implications of adopting another culture. Even the Westernised Benazir Bhutto found it necessary to have an arranged marriage. Ms Goldsmith plans to live in Imran's home in Lahore and will reportedly work on a newspaper in the city, capital of *Punjab*, a province of farmers, feudal lords and political riots.

Ms Goldsmith, a showjumper of modest repute, is heiress to part of her father's fortune. Her prospective groom has often lashed out at the rich. "The capitalists of this country don't feel the pain of the poor," he told a Pakistani magazine.

"These wealthy crocodiles are always hungry for more. Politicians are corrupt to the core. They have devoured the wealth of this nation and are thirsting for more."

Such headline-grabbing outbursts accompanied fundraising efforts for a cancer hospital established by Imran. He claimed to have raised more than £12 million in two months. "Hang me from the Minar-i-Pakistan if you find that I have embezzled any money from the hospital," he boomed during a speaking tour.

For good measure he took a swipe at the West, declaring that it was being destroyed by immorality. After all that hype, Pakistanis are incredulous that he has hitched himself to a daughter of the West.

People's favourite who forged his own path

■ **Ivo Tennant, Imran Khan's official biographer, looks at a lifestyle that thas taken him from London's nightclubs to Islamic devotion in Pakistan**

IMRAN KHAN is a contradictory figure — something he does not relish being pointed out. He has moved easily between the discipline of Pakistan and the freedom of the West.

A protégé of the late President Zia, Imran had been expected to enter politics in Pakistan. He had a background that bestowed precedence, was a popular hero for his cricketing brilliance, and was adored from afar by women for his devastating good looks. However many times he proclaimed that he had no interest in becoming Prime Minister made scant difference to the perception about his future. But that was before he became engaged to Jemima Goldsmith, the daughter of a Western tycoon.

There is a further reason why Imran might yet shy away from politics, as he always has in the past. He has long had a belief in mystics, or as he prefers to call them, guides. He was once told by a clairvoyant that he would be assassinated if he went into politics.

Since retiring from Test cricket three years ago, Imran, 42, has devoted himself to raising funds to build a cancer hospital in Lahore in memory of his mother, which has been a immense achievement.

At a dinner in Islamabad, his audience laughed when he told them, as he told everyone until the past few days, that he was not ready to settle down. But if they had found him to be having an affair with one of their daughters, they would have been enraged. Pakistanis realised that Imran had sexual relationships, but so long as he did not flaunt his affairs, it did not concern them. Scandalous stories have appeared in Pakistan about him, but as a result of his own discretion they have died away.

Imran's family is upper middle-class and comfortably off. From his father, who was strongly anti-imperalist, Imran acquired his sense of pride and knowledge of his Pathan forebears. His mother's family, the Burkis, is a large and gifted tribe. Javed Burki is also a former captain of Pakistan and Imran's mentor. "There are not many sportsmen with intellects in addition," Imran said.

Since retiring from Test cricket, Imran has been studying the Koran diligently. He prays every day and quotes from the Koran in conversation. He follows the Koran's guidelines, giving money away, in his case to his hospital-building project.

Imran cannot diguise when he is bored. His sense of dignity is such that he does not feel he has to make an effort with strangers. He did not dress to impress women. He saw them in his youth, as he does now, on his own terms.

Imran retains a surprising shyness, which can sometimes be interpreted as arrogance. The type of girl he has been keen on is long-legged, intelligent, beautiful, well-born.

In Britain, one of Imran's former girlfriends was Susannah Constantine, who previously went out with Viscount Linley. She, with Emma Sergeant, the artist, and one or two male friends, was responsible for introducing him to aristocratic, partridge-shooting individuals far removed from cricket.

Although Imran is polite to fools and gives everyone he encounters a chance, the people he mixes with have to be intellectually stimulating. Some he seems to befriend because they have a wild streak that he lacks. He picks and chooses his friends in a way he was not always able to do before he became established both as a socialite and as a cricketer.

It is hard to envisage just how Miss Goldsmith will fit into Pakistan's strict society, however hard she has studied the mores of Islam. There is also bound to be some resentment that he has not had an arranged marriage, as his mother would have wished. Her advice before his first tour of England in 1971 was: "Whatever you do, don't come back with an English bride."

Ireland claims the credit after Oslo's 24-word win

By Nicholas Watt in Dublin and Andrew Glasse in Oslo

Sherry: still a Dubliner

JUBILANT young Norwegians thronged the streets of Oslo early this morning after their country's victory in the Eurovision Song Contest, which pushed Ireland, last year's winners, into fourteenth place.

But honour was maintained when an Irish violinist who defected to the Norwegian side was credited with securing the Scandinavian win in Dublin on Saturday night. Fionnuala Sherry, 34, reassured her countrymen yesterday that she still considered herself a Dubliner as Ireland licked its wounds after its own entry was beaten by Britain's rap song.

Ms Sherry, who led the Norwegian entry with a haunting violin solo at Dublin's Point Theatre, was mobbed at the ritual winner's press conference. She said that the song, *Nocturne*, which describes the transition from day to night and back again in a mere 24 words, had broken the mould of the usual diet of Eurovision love songs. "It wasn't anything like a typical Eurovision song," Ms Sherry said. "The contest has churned out the same kind of numbers for as long as I can remember, and it is maybe a good time to have an injection of something new."

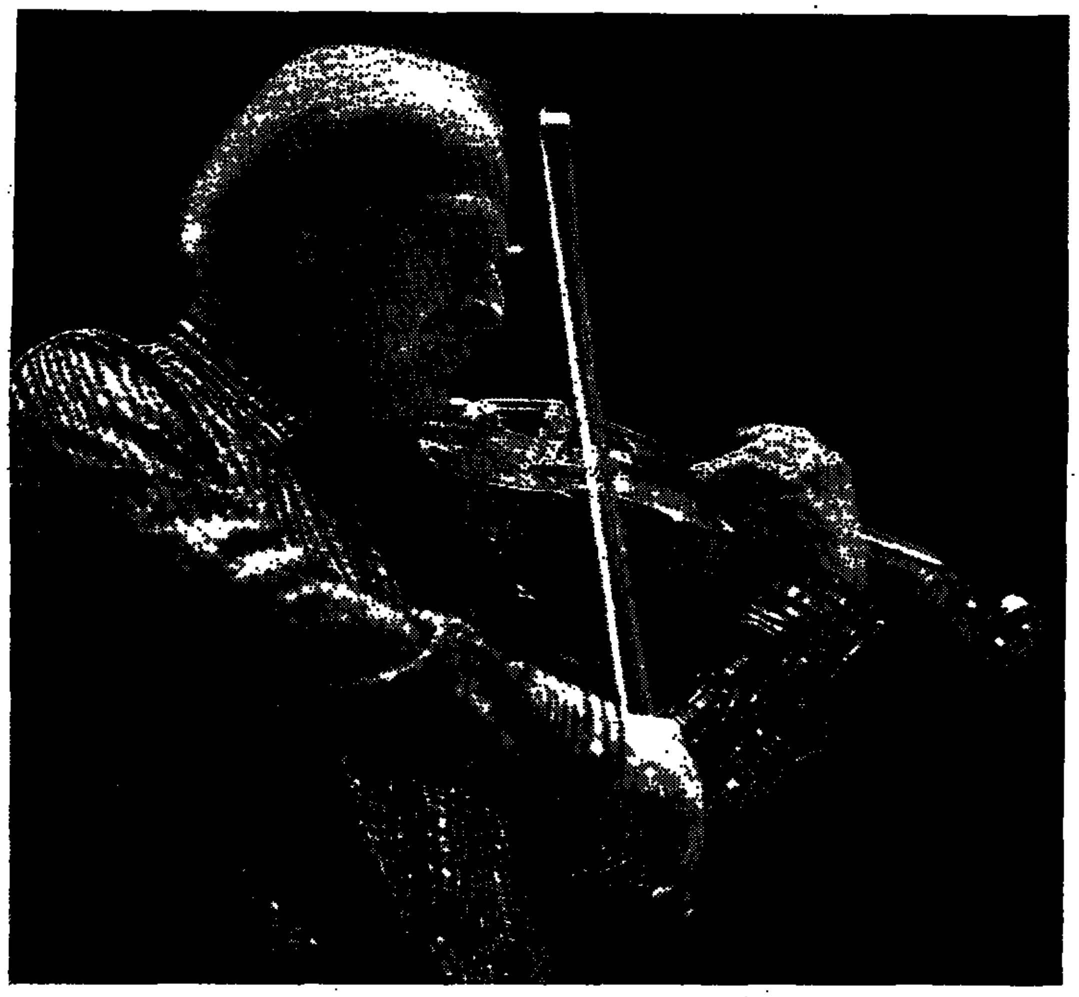
Winning the contest had been wonderful and Norwegians were as nice as the Irish, she enthused. "I am just totally overwhelmed by it all."

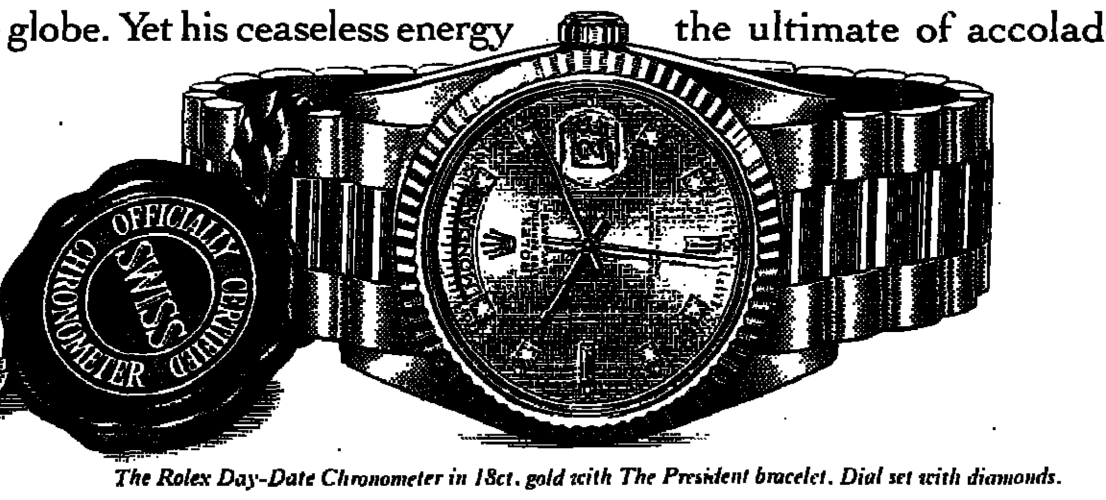
Nocturne was a collaboration between Ms Sherry, who is a violinist with the RTE concert orchestra, and Rolf Lovland, the genuinely Norwegian part of their band, Secret Garden. They met at last year's contest, which was also staged in Dublin, when she played with the RTE orchestra at the competition.

Lovland, who was responsible for Norway's last song contest victory ten years ago, when Bobbysocks sang their way to the top with *Let it Swing*..., said in Oslo that he hoped he had started a new song contest trend. After all, 24 words sung once must be better than one word sung 24 times.

Reactions to Norway's win soon became a cause of traditional Scandinavian rivalry. Norwegian newspapers said that Sweden was well on the way to becoming this year's worst losers after telephone callers lines to the Swedish newspaper *Expressen* had said that *Nocturne* should never have won.

The song was the worst melody they had ever heard and Secret Garden should be booked for funerals, they said. Norwegians, who love to hate Swedes, were enjoying themselves.





How Yehudi Menuhin keeps time.

If all he did was play the violin, that would surely be enough. However, the enthusiasms of Lord Menuhin extend much further.

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"My time is always very short. Far too short.' He spreads his hands. "I'd like to spend more time with the school. More time at home. More time in the theatre.

"But in the meantime I love playing the violin. I love conducting..."

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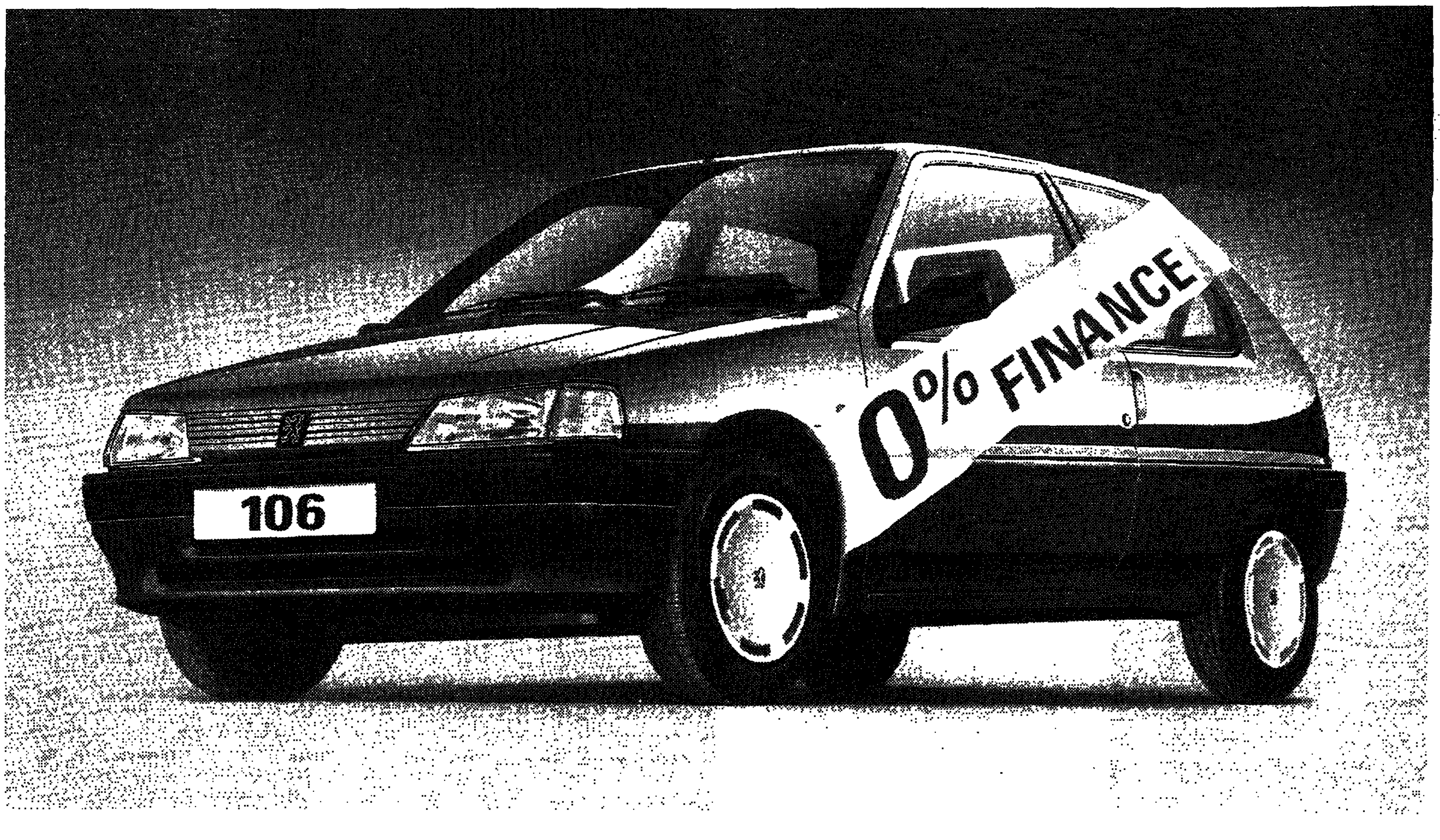

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'Alison is very much against taking risks. It is this attitude which makes her a first-class climber'

Everest conqueror shares triumph with her children

By Helen Johnstone

IT CAME as little surprise that one of the first things Alison Hargreaves did after reaching the top of the world was to contact her children.

The message was passed on to Tom, 6, and Kate, 4, at their home in the Scottish West Highlands where they waited for news with their father, Jim Ballard. Their mother has always shared her adventures with them and has taken them abroad with her in the past.

Mr Ballard, 49, may have first heard the news yesterday morning but Kate had woken him during the night to say she had "seen" her mother. "You tell me what it means," Mr Ballard said. "I don't know if it was a dream she had, or what."

Miss Hargreaves, 33, who uses her maiden name in the climbing world, was born in Belper, Derbyshire. She had nurtured an ambition to be the first woman to climb Everest unaided and without oxygen since she first became hooked on climbing when she started on rock faces in the Peak District as a 14-year-old. She graduated to winter rock-climbing in the Scottish Highlands before she left school at 16. Leaving school at such an early age surprised members of her family, who had envisaged Miss Hargreaves going to university to study mathematics as her mother and sister had done.

She decided to use her accounting ability to set up her own business at Matlock, Derbyshire, providing waterproof software for outdoor activities. Soon she met Jim, her husband, who ran his own business selling climbing equipment.

Bill O'Connor, a family friend, said: "They worked in business together for several years. Jim idolises Alison and although he is a climber himself he realised she had special ability. Theirs is an incredible relationship."

Two years ago the couple sold their businesses and bought a motor van so that Alison could spend a year climbing in the Alps. A year ago they set up home in Scotland, where Alison had access to mountains suited to her liking for ice climbing. The couple now write for a living.

Miss Hargreaves was six months pregnant with Tom when she became the first British woman to ascend the treacherous North Wall of the Eiger in 1988. But she has never accepted criticism that, as a mother, she takes too many risks.

Mr O'Connor said: "Alison is very much against taking risks. Climbers like Alison make judgments based on their knowledge and their own skills. It is this attitude of mind which makes her a first-class climber."

He added: "She is the Bonington of the family, going off on expeditions. Now that the children are school age and cannot have too many disruptions Jim seems totally happy to stay at home. He enjoys the achievements Alison gains."

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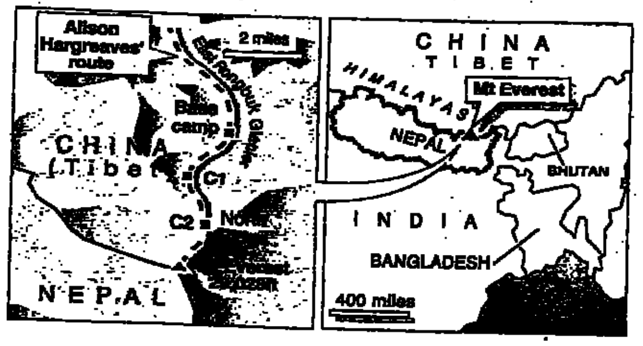


PETER JOLLY

Jim Ballard, husband of Alison Hargreaves, with their children Tom and Kate

Women have been at the top since 1808

By Ronald Faux

WOMEN climbers have a record of great achievements in the Alps and Himalayas dating back to 1808 when Marie Paradis, 18, became the first woman to reach the summit of Mont Blanc (15,744ft) Europe's highest.

The youngest woman to conquer Everest is Radha Devi Thakur, 19, of India and the oldest, American Dolly Lefever, 47, both in 1993, when women's successes doubled to 32. Britons Rebecca Stephens and Dr Ginette Harrison reached the 29,028ft peak in 1993.

High-altitude climbing has taken its toll of women. Hannelore Schmatz died after climbing Everest in 1979 and in 1993 Pasang Lhamu, a sherpani, died descending from the summit. Julie Tullis of Britain died in 1986 near the top of K2, and Alison Chadwick, also British, perished on Annapurna in 1976.

School secretary on barge trip dies under propellers

By Michael Horsnell

A SCHOOL secretary died yesterday under the propellers of a canal barge carrying children from her school. Joan Whitehall, 47, was helping to supervise an educational trip when she fell into the Grand Union Canal at Birmingham while reversing the craft through a tunnel.

Mrs Whitehall was holding the tiller at the stern while the 20 children were having breakfast. The craft apparently hit the bank and she slipped and screamed before being sucked under by the propeller which trapped her as the boat swept over her.

Pupils were kept in the cabins while a male teacher from a second boat on the trip and two road workers dived into the canal to try to save her.

Police and safety officials were concerned that the accident at Erdington might easily have involved children. Experts examined the green narrow boat *Chiltern*, of traditional design with no safety rail to the rear. The water safety committee of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents will begin an inquiry today.

Last night Wing Commander Gordon Sinclair, president of RoSPA, said: "One is appalled every time a new quirk of accident arises and we shall do everything we can to see it does not occur again. There is no protection on these boats and I don't suppose anyone has given that thought before."

Mrs Whitehall, who had two adult children, had been secretary of Walter Hall Primary School at Mapperley, Nottinghamshire, for ten years. She was one of four adults supervising the party on the five-day trip from Nottingham to Northampton.

Charles Mackenzie, 23, a carpenter of Darlaston, West Midlands, was carrying out maintenance work on the M6 at Spaghetti Junction, Birmingham. He said: "We heard the screams and saw someone in the water desperately searching for a person.

"We realised someone must have fallen in and raced down to help. Two of my workmates jumped into the water to help the man searching and I pulled the barge closer to the towpath with a rope because she was trapped underneath the boat. The kids on board were all screaming. They knew something horrible was happening. We kept them downstairs so they couldn't see exactly what was going on."

Another workman, who did not wish to be identified, said: "Some of the children were looking through the windows and down the aisle of the barge when she fell overboard and they were crying their eyes out."

Joan Whitehall: steering

German drivers pass Wigan test

By Joe Joseph

DRIVING-TEST examiners in Wigan are having to endure six extra seconds of white-knuckle anxiety as they wait for the phrase "*Do an emergency stop now*" to be translated into German by an interpreter in the back seat.

Grateful Germans becalmed by the bureaucracy of gaining a licence at home are flocking to the North West. At £350 for a one-week course, plus flight and hotels, getting a Learnt-in-Wigan licence is much cheaper that getting a German one. And it is valid in Germany under European Union law.

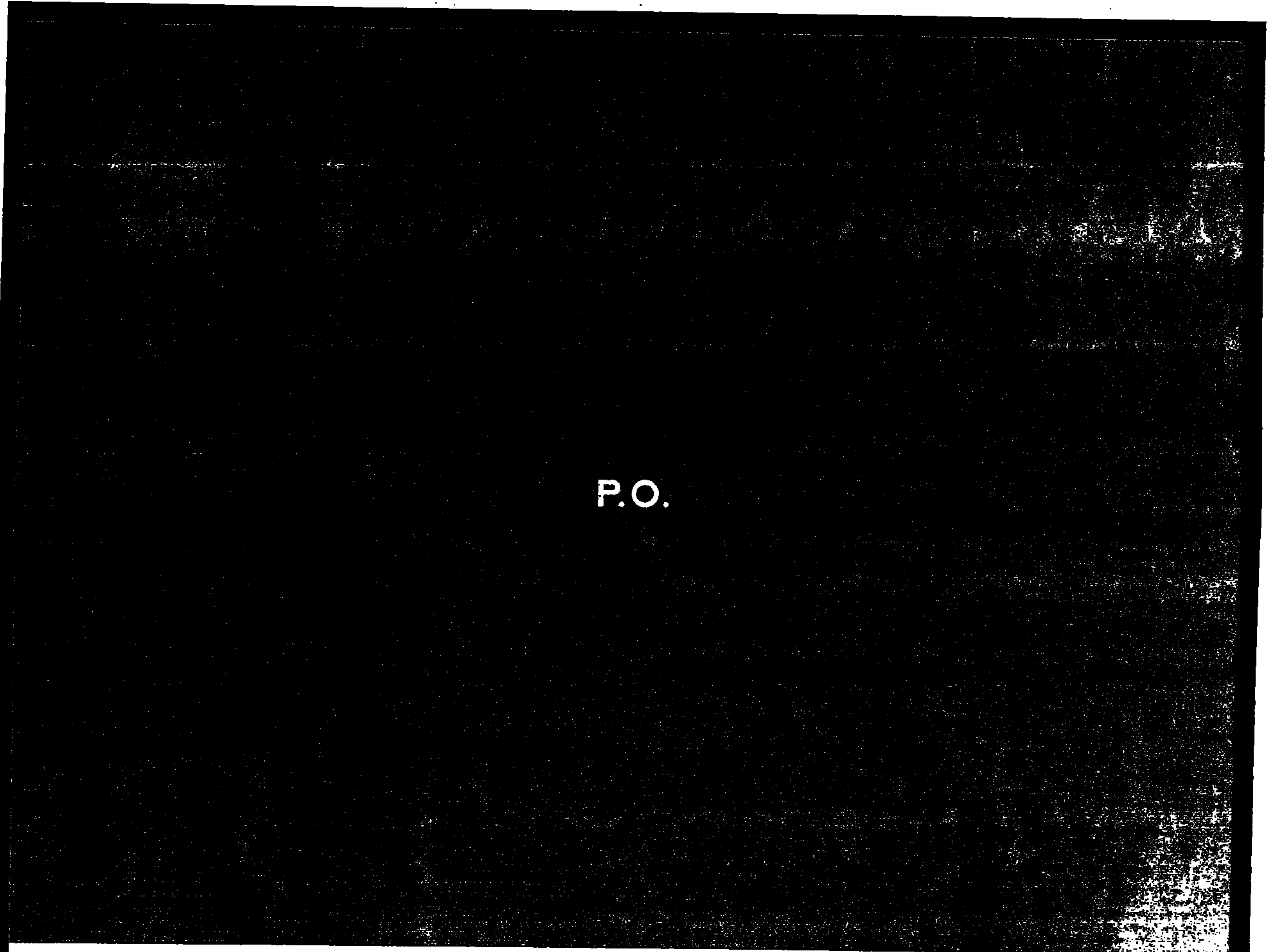
"Germany has the most complicated driving test," moans Berndt Owczarek, a 45-year-old builder from Bremen, in northern Germany, who secured a British licence in Wigan last week "and there's a lot of money and time involved.

"We have a theory test before you take the practical driving test behind a steering wheel, and if you fail this written test then you are sent to a government psychologist, for which you have to pay 800 Deutschemarks (£360). Even if everything goes smoothly, and you pass first time, it will cost you 3,000 to 4,000 Deutschemarks to get a licence." A minimum of 40 hours' instruction is obligatory.

"If you go to Wigan it will cost you 1,600 to 2,000 Deutschemarks for the whole show, including flight and hotels. I know four other Germans who have taken the course, and another five who are waiting to go over."

Patrick Cauldwell, who runs the Alliance Driving School, says that "of the 19 Germans we've trained over the last two weeks, only one has failed". Saving cash is not the only lure: "We get quite a few illiterate people who don't have a hope in hell of passing the written test."

"It all started when I got a call out of the blue from a guy in Luxembourg," says Mr Cauldwell. "I was already running the driving school anyway as a week-long course and he wanted to know if I could do the same for him. I made some checks with the authorities and we found out that if he passed in this country he would be OK to drive in his own."



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'It's the same old story — all the money is spent on the officials and none on the competitors'

Britain's top skier quits as financial backing melts away

By Graham Duffill

MARTIN BELL, Britain's most successful skier, is to retire after 14 years of unequal competition against the Alpine ski nations.

His decision will leave his younger brother Graham as Britain's only competitive World Cup downhill racer and comes when the Sports Council has decided to reduce drastically its sponsorship of skiing.

Martin Bell, who retires as British champion, a title he has dominated since 1981, has won more points in World Cup races than any British skier in history. The birth of his daughter Imogen last August sealed his decision to seek a career in television commentating and presentation. But he is also leaving a sport riven by financial problems and recriminations over the inability of the British Ski Federation to fund any skiers since 1992.

Last year Bell, 30, sent an open letter to the federation's board accusing it of being "the same old story of British sports administration over the years. All the money is spent on the office and officials and none on the competitors. So many racers are retiring through lack of funds that the coaching staff may soon outnumber the athletes.

"Eventually, the logical conclusion would be a group of trainers travelling around the circuit on the course with no racers to train as none of the talented ones could afford it."

Since 1992 the brothers have had to pay their own way around the World Cup circuit, spening up to £8,000 each a year. Some of the other Alpine disciplines have been helped by sponsorship, occasionally from unlikely sources such as the group of Austrian hotels that helps the women's team.

Although a lowland country, Britain has about 1.5 million skiers and has until recent years been at the forefront of skiing's evolution. The Victorians pioneered the winter holiday and Sir Arnold Lunn invented downhill racing when he founded the Kandahar races in St Anton, Austria, in the 1920s.

It was only as skiing became more professional and relied increasingly on money that Britain lost its dominance, although as recently as 1968 Gina Hawthorn came fourth in the Olympic downhill and Davina Galica eighth in the giant slalom.

The Sports Council confirmed last week that it will run down the financing of skiing over the next few years, dropping from £300,000 to £250,000 this season and continuing in annual reductions of £50,000 until 1998 when it will be £120,000 and Britain will try to enter an Alpine squad into the Winter Olympics.

Mike Jardine, the federation's chief executive, said: "At a time when money is swilling around in sport from the lottery, skiing gets no benefit whatsoever." Italy and America spent £8 million each on their teams last year, Austria £6 million and Norway £5 million.

The two-man British team has in recent years competed against nations with A and B teams that travel with several trainers, coaches, ski technicians, video crews, physiotherapists, doctors and psychologists.

Graham Bell will cut an increasingly lonely figure as the sole British downhiller, planning to race at all downhills next season. As his wife Sarah is expecting a baby, it is not inconceivable that he will be conducting a swan song for British participation in the blue riband event.

Konrad Bartelski, who in 1973 pioneered Britain's entry as a professional team into the fledgeling World Cup circuit by joining two other downhillers to hire a trainer, said: "This is a sport that we invented, where Martin Bell retires at number 67 in the world, which is equivalent to the best ranking Jeremy Bates ever achieved in tennis in his life, and yet somebody in a suit decides they are not worth funding.

"The Sports Council proves yet again that sports succeed in the country despite the system, and not because of it."

MARTIN BEDDALL

Martin Bell, who seeks a television career, with his wife Lucy and their nine-month-old daughter Imogen in their garden at Mortlake, Surrey

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Bar chairman rejects attacks on legal aid fees

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Bar chairman has rejected criticism of six-figure sums in legal aid paid to senior barristers, warning that continued attacks on the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme constituted a "real threat to the British system of justice".

Peter Goldsmith, QC, said there was a risk that a "hidden agenda" to weaken fundamentally the legal aid system could gain ground "in the light of unwarranted and misleading attacks based on tiny minority of legal aid cases". His comments came after it was disclosed last week that a total of more than £1 million in legal aid fees was paid to senior council in the Barlow Clowes fraud trial.

This week the Lord Chancellor will unveil proposals for a radical reform of legal aid, including the first cash limits on the 45-year-old scheme and controls on legal aid paid to senior barristers.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern is expected to impose cash-limited budgets on regional legal aid boards who will award block contracts to solicitors and advice agencies. Solicitors in turn will negotiate fees with counsel. Currently, counsel negotiate them direct with court officials who have to approve the bills.

Mr Goldsmith said that the sums paid to Queen's Counsel in the Barlow Clowes fraud trial were fully justified given the "enormous time input required". They probably only amounted to gross rates of pay of £50 an hour. That figure was "substantially less than many of the other professionals working for defence and prosecution in the case.

"Serious fraud cases are criminal prosecutions brought with the full might of the State against the individual. That individual has the right to expect to be represented in a way that ensures that the balance of justice is not tipped unfairly in favour of the State."

The fees paid to the Queen's Counsel (senior barristers at the top of the profession) in any event represented less than 5 per cent of the criminal legal aid budget.

A parliamentary answer to Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wassend, found that Anthony Hacking, QC, was paid £222,095; Anthony Glass, QC, £268,640; Robert Rhodes, QC, £282,395; and a fourth QC for the defendant Christopher Newman, £263,250.

Mr Goldsmith said lawyers were paid only what the Government allowed under regulations. Claims for under £4,000 were vetted by court officers, government officials working for the Lord Chancellor's Department. Those for more than £4,000 were vetted by regional teams of officers.

Concern of lawyers over justice Bill

LEADING members of the legal profession express concern today that new machinery for tackling alleged miscarriages of justice will leave the police in charge of investigating them.

The pressure groups Liberty and Justice, with the Bar and Law Society, representing barristers and solicitors respectively, are urging the Government to accept changes to its Criminal Appeals Bill, which is starting its passage through the Lords. In a letter to *The Times*, they express concern that the Criminal Cases Review Commission will not itself be able to initiate investigations: that it will not have to disclose all information gathered in an investigation: and that legal aid will not be available.

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Four seek verdict on MoD gay bias

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE ban on homosexuals serving in the armed forces is to be tested in the High Court this week when one woman and three men sacked from the Services for being gay appear for a judicial review into their cases.

Jeanette Smith, 28, who joined the RAF in 1989; Graeme Grady, 32, also ex-RAF, John Beckett, 25, who enlisted in the Royal Navy for 22 years, and Duncan Lustig-Prean, a former naval lieutenant-commander, are all appealing to try to regain their jobs.

The Ministry of Defence still maintains that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service" and that if the ban were lifted it would "damage morale and unit effectiveness". Today the ban will be the subject of a test case when a judge begins to examine the ministry's policy.

Jeanette Smith said yesterday: "All I have ever wanted was to do the job I loved and am good at. Hopefully the judicial review will reveal the stupidity and unfairness of the ban." Former Senior Aircraftwoman Smith, who joined the RAF as a nurse, discovered she had been reported as a lesbian to the military authorities after she returned from holiday in Florida with her partner last June. She was administratively discharged from the RAF in November last year.

Former Lieutenant-Commander Lustig-Prean, who joined the Navy in 1983, was a supply officer on a destroyer when he was discharged. He was in line for promotion when his homosexuality was discovered. He said: "The time has come to say enough is enough and to put an end to this injustice. I love the Royal Navy and want to continue in my vocation."

Stonewall, the campaign group for gay and lesbian equality, said that between 1990 and 1994, 250 military personnel were discharged on the ground of their sexuality.

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National register undermined

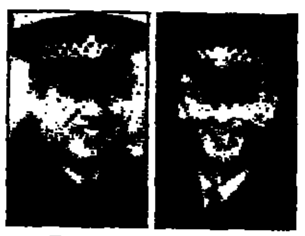
Scotland Yard shuts only unit fighting rise of horse crime

By Lin Jenkins

BRITAIN'S only police unit working solely on equine crime is being disbanded at a time of concern over theft and attacks on animals.

It is feared that the move will lead to an increase in horse-related offences and end attempts to collate intelligence centrally by setting up a national register of crimes. After 15 years, the Metropolitan Police Equine Crime Unit has fallen victim to a force-wide review of manpower. It had been hoped that the unit would be emulated by other forces around the country seeking to tackle crimes from rustling to horse mutilation, which has risen sharply in recent years.

The illegal trading of stolen saddles, bridles and other items of tack, much of which is shipped abroad, is also on the increase. While thefts of horses remain static at about 200 a year, the theft of horseboxes and trailers has reached such proportions that some forces have had identification numbers painted on their roofs to enable them to be detected from police helicopters.



Barnes and White

Sergeant Ted Barnes and PC Nick White, who run the Met's unit, are both well-versed in the horse world. They attend horse shows and markets where stolen property has been known to be passed on and have wide contacts among professional showjumpers, racehorse trainers, riding schools, the Pony Club and livery yards.

Martin Taggart, national equine welfare officer of the British Horse Society, urged the police to reconsider the decision to close the unit. He said it would mean there was no one to collate information on national issues such as the "black magic theories" about attacks on horses or to identify the patterns of equine crime, which usually went beyond force boundaries.

"They have a national reporting centre for drugs, football hooliganism and all sorts of things where they can coordinate all the crime intelligence. With the equine crime unit, it is on an ad hoc basis, and we were hoping that this would develop. The decision fills me with horror. If the average policeman puts 'bay horse' into his computer, it comes up with 20 pubs."

Sergeant Barnes is being transferred from the unit based at Esher, Surrey, to the mounted branch at Epsom next week. PC White, who events and showjumps in his spare time, will go to a Scotland Yard office and spend some time on horse-related crime. Officers who spend short spells with the unit will return to normal duties.

Mary Awre, head of Farmkey, which has freeze-marked 134,000 horses in a national identification scheme, said the unit had been instrumental in recovering stolen horses all over the country. "I always go to them first and usually they are very quick in recovering the horses because they know who to talk to and where to look. Without them it will all take much longer."

Colonel George Stephen, chief executive of the International League for the Protection of Horses, said he regretted the loss of the unit and paid tribute to its contribution to horse welfare.

JAMES MORGAN

Kris wears the camera that relays images to his handler's handset (above right)

Police enrol a canine private eye

By Stewart Tendler

POLICE dogs in Essex have been fitted with miniature video cameras that relay pictures to their handlers, allowing them to see what the dog sees.

The camera, fixed to the animal's head or chest, can be used to investigate potentially dangerous situations — such as reports of gunfire in a house — or areas inaccessible to officers.

PC Malcolm Fish, whose six-year-old German Shepherd, Kriss, is one of seven Essex dogs trained to carry the cameras, said: "Before, when we sent a dog into an area, we would know he had found something because he barked but we would not know what it was. It could be someone armed, unarmed or even dead. With the camera we get a picture of what the dog is looking at."

Trials have also been held using a microphone and loudspeaker so the handler can hear what is happening and talk to the dog.

Weighty passengers pose a growing safety problem for airlines

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

THE average Briton has put on so much weight that aviation safety chiefs have been forced to rewrite cabin regulations to prevent aircraft being overloaded.

Before every flight, pilots have to calculate how much weight their aircraft will carry. Although the hold baggage is weighed individually, passengers are given a notional weight which, in Britain, was established in 1948. The Civil Aviation Authority, worried that its figures were outdated, said: "We carried out a series of detailed surveys and discovered that people had got much bigger. Our findings coincided with those already carried out in Europe and the United States so we are now able to move towards a uniform figure."

Airlines in Europe will from 1998 assume that the average scheduled service passenger, male or female, weighs 13st 3lb (84kg), compared with the old notional weight of 11st 11lb (75kg) for men and 10st 3lb (65kg) for women.

Other European countries and the United States adopted the heavier weights several years ago. By using the old figures "British airlines were in effect flying with an unfair advantage", the CAA said. The new regulations allow flight supervisors to weigh extremely large passengers and enter their details in the loadsheet.

Bringing everyone into line became a priority for Europe's newly formed Joint Airworthiness Authority, which is working towards a uniform global standard. The Japanese and airlines which fly to the Far East where passengers are traditionally smaller on average are worried about the implications. In Japan the notional weight is 11st 6lb (73kg) and if they are forced to use 13st 3lb they might have to fly with fewer seats.

European holidaymakers using charter airlines are to be treated more harshly than those on scheduled services. Charters passengers have been assessed as having notional weights including cabin baggage of only 11st 13lb (76kg), about 18lb lower than for scheduled flights. "Someone travelling on holiday carries less into the cabin than someone on a business flight," the CAA said.

Some airlines might have to reduce the number of passengers or amount of freight they carry because in hot and high airports or on long-haul flights the new total notional weight may exceed what the aircraft is designed to carry.

The Air Transport Users' Council, the consumer body representing pasengers, said that the new notional weights could provide an opportunity for airlines to redesign their seats to provide more room. "There is no doubt that people are getting bigger and heavier but the width of the economy seats never seems to change to take account," it said. "We get a lot of complaints."

Anchor may be from the Hood

A 16ft-long anchor, believed to be from the Second World War battlecruiser *HMS Hood*, has been found by fishermen off the Isle of Bute.

In 1941 the *Hood* slipped her anchors in Rothesay Bay to pursue the *Bismarck* and the *Prinz Eugen* but was sunk off northern Scotland by the *Bismarck* with a single shell.

Divers say the anchor, which has been moved to shallow water, is well-preserved. The *Hood's* other anchor was found a decade ago.

Medal stolen

The wife of Sir David Crouch, a former Tory MP, pleaded for thieves to return family silver and her father's DSO, won at the Somme in 1916. Lady Crouch and her husband were asleep at home in Faversham, Kent, when burglars broke in on Saturday morning.

£6.5m beach

Sidmouth, Devon, is spending £6.5 million to replace its pebble beach, which vanished in winter storms. The beach was created over thousands of years by pebbles washed from cliffs. Thousands of tonnes quarried from the same pebble layer are being used.

Climber killed

A climber died after falling 450ft from a ridge on Glencoe. Norma Jeanette James, 46, a shop assistant of Elston, Nottinghamshire, was among 14 climbers tackling Aonach Eagach. She was flown by RAF helicopter to hospital, where she was certified dead.

Biker rescued

A motorcyclist was swept out to sea after driving off a pontoon as he left the Hayling Island ferry at Portsmouth. The man was thought to have swerved to avoid a cyclist. He was picked up by coastguards and flown to hospital to be treated for hypothermia.

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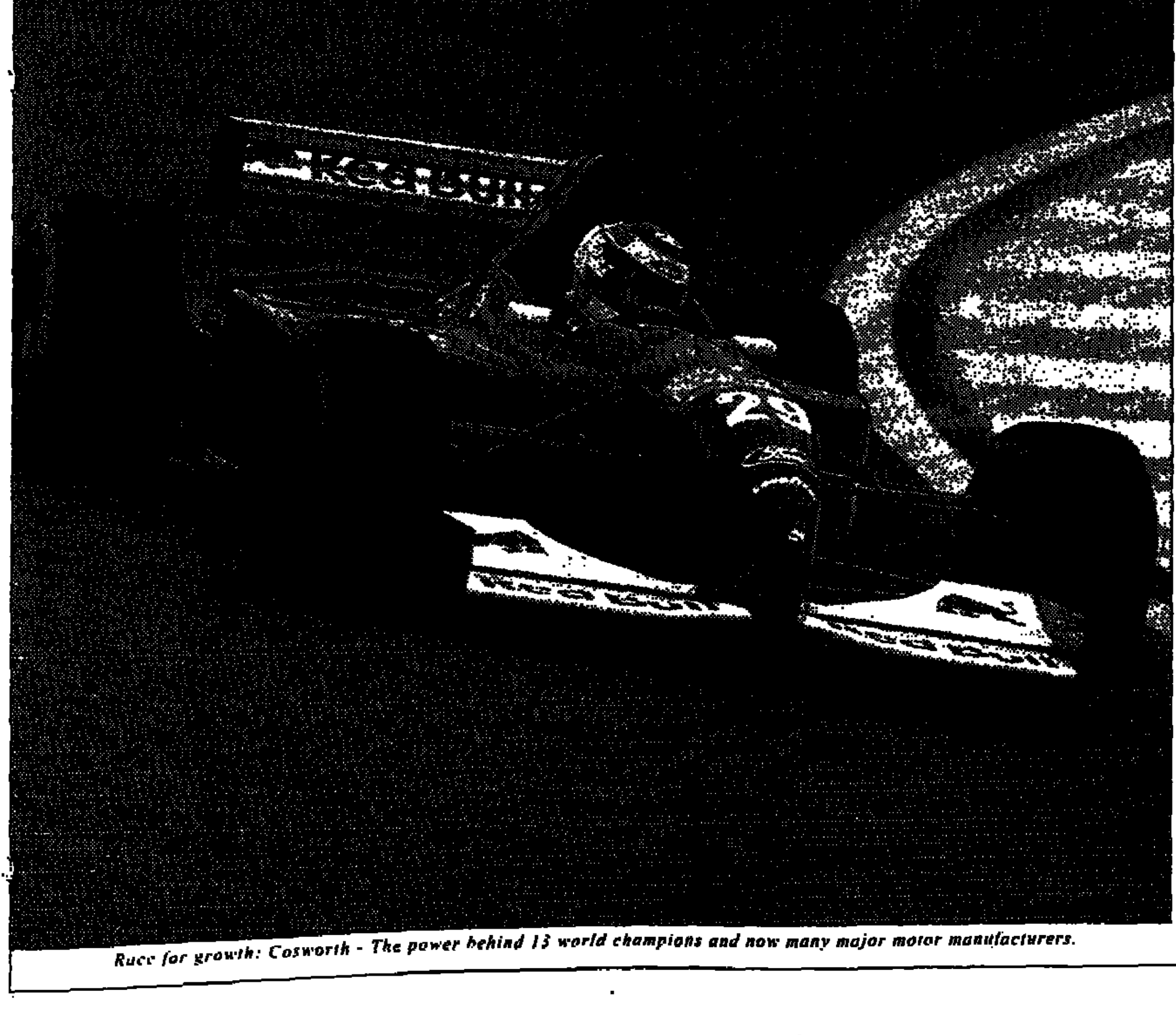

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'We catch fish like we used to hunt down buffaloes, with the same catastrophic results'

World Bank calls for output of fish farms to double in 15 years

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

THE global output of farmed fish will need to double over the next 15 years to keep pace with the growing demand for fish, according to a report funded by the World Bank.

Marine and freshwater catches rose fivefold between 1950 and 1990 to about 84 million tonnes a year but then stuck. Many once abundant wild stocks of desirable species have been fished close to exhaustion.

Aquaculture, which treats fish as a stock to be farmed, is already a £20 billion industry with an annual output of 16 million tonnes, equal to a fifth by weight of all fish caught for eating. Because there is scant hope of increasing wild supplies, fish farms will have to raise production to more than 30 million tonnes by 2010 *merely to keep fish consumption* at its current level of about 29lb (13kg) a year for every person, the report says.

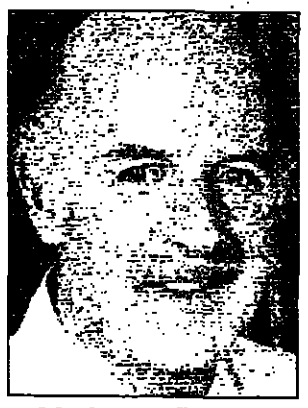
Ismail Serageldin, a vice-president of the World Bank responsible for environmentally sustainable development, said: "On land we have learnt to produce food by cultivation. But at sea we still act as hunters and gatherers. We catch fish like we used to hunt down buffaloes on the Great Plains, with the same catastrophic results."

Mr Serageldin, chairman of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research which compiled the report, added: "Fish farming is the only realistic new source. Aquaculture is readily adaptable to the needs of peasant farmers, who can increase their income by up to 50 per cent by farming fish alongside crops and livestock."

Four fifths of farmed fish are reared in Asia. China alone accounts for just over half of world output, mostly with freshwater carp. In the West, fish farming has concentrated on high-value species such as salmon and trout, which *justify the cost of production*. Britain and Norway now rear 300,000 tonnes of salmon a year between them.

The rapid growth of salmon farming worldwide over the past decade has led to a glut, pushing salmon prices down to the point where they sometimes barely cover production costs. *Many Scottish salmon* producers are now looking to farmed halibut for a new source of income.

Increasingly scarce in the wild, the Atlantic halibut has proved trickier to rear than salmon, but most of the technical problems have now been solved and the first fish farmed in this country should start appearing on fishmongers' slabs by 1997.



Mosimann: fish dish

Biblical tilapia stages comeback

By Michael Hornsby

DOUG MARKE

Adrian Barnes, who uses water warmed in a nearby factory to farm the tilapia

A TROPICAL freshwater fish mentioned in the Gospels is the star of an unusual experiment in fish-farming.

The tilapia is known as the "aquatic chicken" because it can live on farm scraps, is reared in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States. Supermarkets have been selling the chubby, white-fleshed fish for some time, but most supplies are imported. Adrian Barnes, a fish farmer in Derbyshire, has found a way of rearing tilapia in this country and supplying it fresh.

"Tilapia need a minimum water temperature of 17C to survive and an optimum temperature of between 23C and 28C for growing," he said. "Obviously, lakes and rivers here do not naturally meet that requirement." Mr Barnes got round that by siting his farm, *Pisces Aquaculture*, next to the Courtaulds textile factory at Spondon, on the River Derwent. Water used to cool the plant becomes warm and is piped into Mr Barnes's fish tanks. "We are currently producing about 120 tonnes of fish a year and hope to increase this soon to 300 tonnes," he said.

Mr Barnes supplies his tilapia to Tesco, which sells *them as St Peter's Fish*. They are a cross between *Tilapia niloticus*, a native of the Nile, and *Tilapia aureus*, found in the Sea of Galilee. "The modern tilapia is the same type of fish that Jesus fed to the five thousand," he said.

The chef Anton Mosimann offers Mr Barnes's tilapia, char-grilled with a ginger, sesame oil and soy sauce, at his Belgravia restaurant.

Toytown pals steer BBC sales to £24m

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

PINGU the penguin and Noddy, Enid Blyton's enduring storybook character, helped to push the BBC's international children's programme sales to a record £24 million in the last financial year.

The two characters are at the centre of one of the corporation's most successful commercial ventures. BBC Children's International, which sells children's programmes and associated merchandising around the world. The unit has increased its turnover by 500 per cent since it was created in 1990 and has the biggest-selling video label after Walt Disney.

Tony Greenwood, head of BBC Children's International, predicts that sales will reach £50 million by 1997-98, thanks largely to increased sales in Japan and America. As a first step, Mr Greenwood confirmed yesterday that the BBC had sold the rights to its *Noddy* programmes to Sony, the Japanese electronics and media giant, and to NHK, Japan's public service broadcaster. NHK will show the programme twice a day, while Sony will develop and distribute a range of tied-in videos, books and toys.

Since the 39-part series was developed by BBC Children's International, Noddy and his friends from Toytown, Big Ears and PC Plod, have been responsible for five best-selling videos, sales of three million books and more than 300 licensed products. The total retail value of Noddy merchandising, including the BBC's fortnightly Noddy magazine, is £42 million.

Pingu the penguin, created by the Swiss animatation company Editoy, has sold 750,000 videos, one million books and 200 licensed products.

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Pingu: top seller

Sculpture sought for prize preacher

By Ruth Gledhill

THE College of Preachers and *The Times* are seeking designs for a prize sculpture to award *to the winner of the* Preacher of the Year competition.

Artists are invited to submit designs and costings for an appropriate sculpture that could be commissioned for the competition's final in November. The Right Rev Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Durham and chairman of the council of the College of Preachers, said: "We really rely on artists, having given them the background. We are talking about ministry of the word, rather than the sacrament."

The prize sculpture will be chosen by the college. Materials will be paid for by *The Times*. More than 570 sermons by lay and ordained preachers from most denominations across Britain have been submitted.

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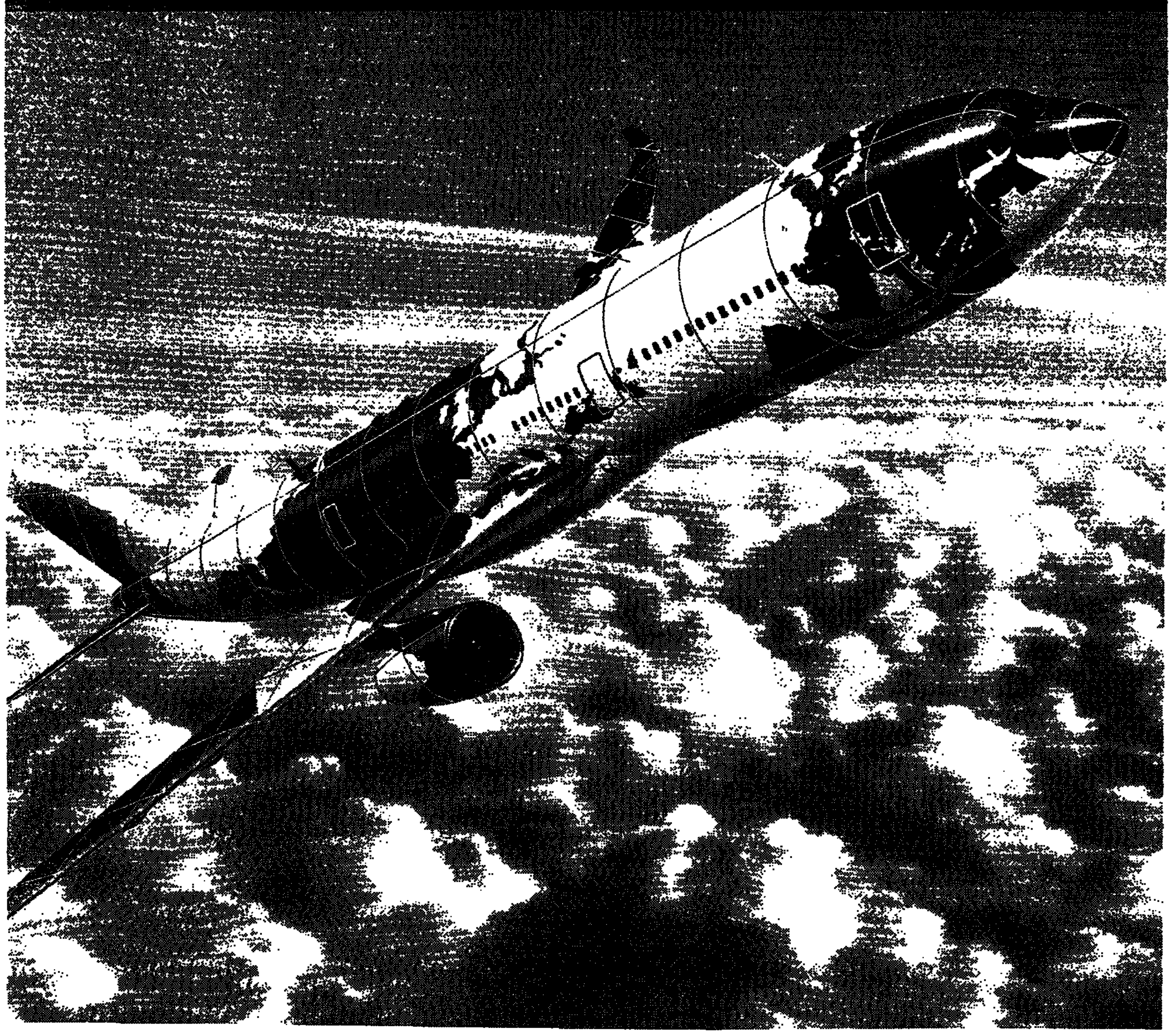

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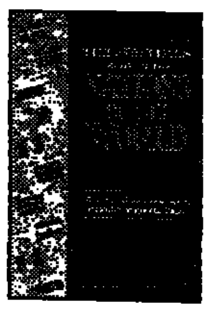

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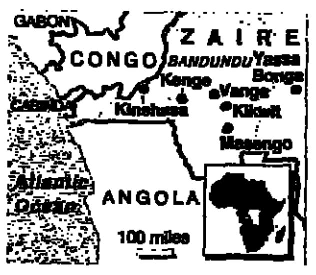
Zaire troops reinforce roadblocks to halt fever

From John Chiahemen in Kinshasa

THE Governor of Kinshasa ordered troop reinforcements for roadblocks outside Zaire's capital yesterday as the Ebola virus killed two more Italian nuns.

Bernadin Mungul Diaka, the Governor, complained that soldiers were letting people through the roadblocks on the main road about 50 miles east of Kinshasa. "Soldiers have been taking bribes to let people into the capital," Mr Mungul said, before an emergency meeting in city hall to discuss measures to protect the capital.

The nuns, Dinarosa Belleri and Eugenie Kabina, are among 64 people who have died from the disease. A total of five nuns working at Kikwit hospital have now died since the outbreak began in the town on April 25.



The Pope, in his weekly *Angelus* message to pilgrims in St Peter's Square yesterday, said he would pray for the nuns who had become infected by the virus. Professor Jean-Jacques Muyembe, Zaire's top virologist reported the latest death toll yesterday, after six more people died during the weekend.

Payanzo Nsomo, the Governor of Bandundu, the province at the heart of the epidemic, said on Saturday that the virus had reached Kenge, less than 125 miles east from the capital. "There have been three cases of the disease in Kenge, of which one person died," he said.

However, the World Health Organisation (WHO), tracking the progress of the disease from its Geneva headquarters, said that it was confident the outbreak could be contained, even if cases started to appear in Kinshasa, which has a population of five million.

Mr Mungul closed the road from the epidemic zone last week and river traffic and planes are also being monitored. He said the colonel in charge of the Matete Battalion, widely regarded as the most efficient after President Mobutu's presidential guard, had taken personal charge of the operation yesterday.

Mr Mungul said at least one company had requested permission to evacuate a handful of foreigners from the diamond-mining towns of Kahemba and Tembo, near the border with Angola. "I told them the foreigners will go straight into quarantine when they reach Kinshasa and they have agreed," he said.

The virus, for which there is no vaccine or cure, induces haemorrhagic fever. It is spread by contact with blood or bodily fluids and kills by causing uncontrollable bleeding.

The epidemic is the latest in a host of problems to afflict Zaire, which is home to more than a million Rwandan refugees and has suffered from years of corruption and financial mismanagement.

The WHO, which has sent teams of experts to Zaire to fight the virus, is confident that simple sanitary measures such as wearing gloves and protective masks and clothing in hospitals will contain the epidemic.

Officials concede, however, that more deaths are inevitable. On past experience, the virus kills in up to nine out of ten cases. *(Reuter)*

☐ **Angola clue:** Kimfumu, the first victim of the Ebola virus, contracted the disease on a diamond-hunting trip to a monkey-infested area of northern Angola last month, a medical source in Kinshasa said yesterday. *(AFP)*

Virus mutates, page 1

Lieutenant Kate McGougall, 24, of Britain's 9 Supply Regiment, meets local children at Viana, 12 miles east of Luanda, the Angolan capital. The regiment is helping to build a forward camp for United Nations peacekeepers deploying into the interior of the country

Journalists arrested over 'Mugabe wedding' report

From Jan Raath in Harare

THREE senior staff of an independent Zimbabwe newspaper face criminal defamation charges today over its report that President Mugabe allegedly married at a secret ceremony over Easter.

Trevor Ncube, the editor of the weekly *Financial Gazette*, Simba Makunike, its deputy editor, and Elias Rusike, the chief executive of Modus Publications, which owns the newspaper, are expected to appear in court today. They were due to spend a second night in police cells last night after failing to secure bail.

Mugabe: paper claims he married in secret

The state-controlled *Sunday Mail* quoted police sources as saying that their arrests on Saturday came after Paddington Garwe, a High Court judge, and Enos Chikowore, the Housing and Construction Minister, complained about the three-week-old report, which claimed that they had officiated at the alleged secret wedding between Mr Mugabe and a secretary in his office. They deny they had been present or that the ceremony ever took place. The newspaper insists that its report was correct and faces charges of defaming the two officials.

The action is the most severe yet taken against the *Gazette*, which has been an irritant in the side of Mr Mugabe's de facto one-party state, maintaining steady criticism of inept government. Observers say the arrests demonstrate the sensitivity of the Zanu (PF) Party to revelations of the failings of its leader, who is accorded a god-like status by the party.

The *Gazette* report alleged that Mr Mugabe's wedding was to legalise his customary marriage three years ago to Grace Marufu, who bore him two children before the death in 1992 of Sally, his Ghanaian-born first wife.

The journalists' union said the arrests showed "that Zimbabwe is not serious about press freedom".

South Africa faces new charity inquiry

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

TWO top officials of a second South African charity and welfare organisation have been suspended amid allegations of fraud and misappropriation of about £175,000. Police are conducting an inquiry.

Operation Hunger was established in the late 1970s to provide food and institute self-help schemes for thousands of impoverished black people, particularly children. Its activities, which focused attention on conditions in the former homelands, often provoked government hostility.

The disclosure of the police investigation follows an inquiry into the Cape Town-based Freedom for Peace and Justice headed by Dr Allan Boesak, the former church minister who subsequently stood down as the African National Congress's ambassador-designate to the United Nations. A government report has largely cleared him of responsibility for mismanagement of donations from Scandinavian churches, but inquiries have begun into what happened to money donated to the charity by the Coca Cola Foundation.

Ina Perlman, the founder and executive director of Operation Hunger, retired nine months ago and was succeeded by Mpho Mahinini. He has been suspended with Anthony Mfila, the manager of the group's Bloemfontein region.

Israelis refuse to drop land seizure in Jerusalem

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

ISRAEL'S Labour-led Government yesterday demonstrated its defiance of Arab and much world opinion by refusing to cancel the seizure of 133 acres of mainly Palestinian-owned land in annexed east Jerusalem, but it pledged that the takeover would be the last of its kind.

At the weekly Cabinet meeting, most ministers rejected a call from Meretz, Labour's left-wing coalition partner, to freeze the land seizure which is threatening the frail Middle East peace process. The seizure had been ordered to increase Jewish housing.

In a bid to defuse the crisis, which has prompted an emergency debate in the United Nations Security Council and led to the prospect of an emergency summit of the 22-member Arab League, Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, said no further land seizures in east Jerusalem would take place without consultation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The PLO was swift to reject the Cabinet decision. A senior PLO official said the vote to seize the land on territory conquered from Jordan in 1967 could "lead to an explosion in the whole area".

Marwan Kanafani, the PLO spokesman, claimed that the land seizure, which will be discussed in the Security Council debate due to resume today, was "not only a violation of international resolutions but also a flagrant violation of the peace accord between the Government of Israel and the PLO".

As the Cabinet discussed the issue, three of Israel's leading authors led by David Grossman held a vigil outside in a bid to highlight the dangers to peace if the expropriation went ahead.

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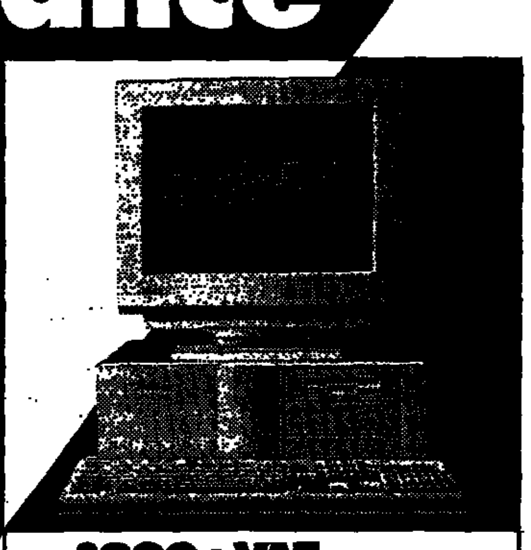

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Dole gambles on being Right's man for White House

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROBERT DOLE learned the cost of standing on principle during his 1988 presidential campaign. He rejected New Hampshire's anti-tax pledge and was beaten in that crucial first primary by George Bush.

Nobody could accuse him of not learning from his mistakes, for in his determination to gain the Republicans' 1996 presidential nomination, Mr Dole is pandering shamelessly to the Right.

Previously regarded as a pragmatic moderate, the 71-year-old Senate leader has in recent weeks taken the anti-tax pledge he rejected in 1988, attacked the federal Government's programmes to help racial minorities he once championed, and promised the National Rifle Association to repeal last year's ban on assault weapons.

Mr Dole has joined the chorus of conservatives who claim that America has surrendered its sovereignty to the United Nations, and last week courted the powerful Jewish American lobby by introducing legislation to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Five years ago he argued forcefully against such legislation.

He has lavished particular attention on the religious Right, attacking Hollywood for subverting family values, endorsing voluntary school prayer, and declaring that he would not allow a Senate vote on President Clinton's nomination of Henry Foster, who has performed abortions, as Surgeon-General.

He has switched churches in Washington because his minister was considered too liberal. He is even employing former Christian Coalition aides on his campaign staff, prompting Ralph Reed, the coalition's leader, to remark: "Bob Dole is playing conservative themes like a Stradivarius." Mr Dole hopes to prevent conservative activists rallying behind Phil Gramm, his rival on the Right, in a "Stop Bob Dole" movement like that which sought to deny President Ford the 1976 nomination. However, it is also a high-risk strategy. Mr Dole could win the nomination but alienate the millions of moderate voters who will determine the outcome of the subsequent election.

Once so sure-footed, Mr Dole is suddenly making some uncharacteristic missteps. His promise to repeal the assault weapons ban has become a liability since the Oklahoma City bombing focused attention on the stockpiling of such weapons by anti-government militias. His plan to prevent a Senate vote on Dr Foster's nomination looks unfair since the nominee shone in recent hearings before the Senate Labour committee, and Mr Dole may be forced to relent.

Masked rebel negotiators of the Zapatista National Liberation Army at the negotiating table during a third round of peace talks with the Mexican Government at San Cristóbal de las Casas. The talks entered their first full day on Saturday under a cloud after the Maya Indian rebels rejected a government proposal that they claimed was aimed at putting them in reservations.

Mexican prosecutors in a Newark, New Jersey, court, meanwhile, alleged at the weekend that Raul Salinas de Gortari, brother of the former Mexican President, had paid $300,000 (£190,000) for the killing of José Francisco Ruiz Massieu, a top Mexican official. The prosecutors seek the extradition of the victim's brother, Mario Ruiz Massieu, a former prosecutor, held in America on a currency violation charge. Mexico accuses him of blocking the investigation of his brother's death. He denies the charge. *(Reuter, AP)*

Scientist friend of bombing suspect arrested

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND MICHAEL BINYON

A MAGISTRATE ordered that a 35-year-old biochemist should be held in custody at the weekend as federal investigators sought to establish whether he helped to plot the Oklahoma city bombing that killed 167 people.

Steven Colbern was arrested in Oatman in the Arizona desert on Friday night after drawing a gun during a scuffle with police officers seeking to detain him.

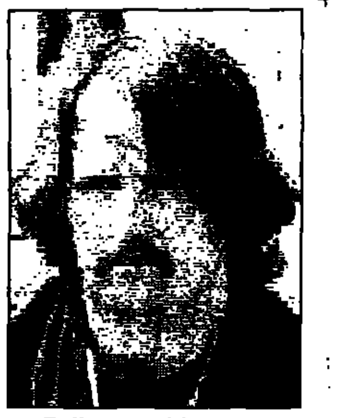
Mr Colbern denied any role in America's worst terrorist act, but admitted knowing Timothy McVeigh, one of two men charged with the bombing who lived for a time in the nearby town of Kingman. Like Mr McVeigh, he is a gun-lover with links to the anti-government militia movement. Investigators also found a letter among Mr McVeigh's possessions addressed to "S.C.".

Mr Colbern left his job as a medical researcher in Los Angeles last autumn after failing to appear in court on firearms charges, and had worked as a dishwasher and cook in Oatman for the past four months. Federal agents who searched his mobile home found guns, several cases of ammunition, a makeshift laboratory for producing the drug meth-amphetamine, and what one federal agent described as "some interesting paperwork".

However, the FBI is being extremely cautious about linking Mr Colbern directly to the bombing, having made a number of previous arrests that proved embarrassingly unfounded.

Mr Colbern's landlord insisted that he had been sitting next to him when news of the bombing was first broadcast on television.

A former room-mate of Mr McVeigh says that he became bitter against the Government because American forces did not continue the war with Iraq until President Saddam Hussein was overthrown. Robin Littleton, who shared a room with Mr McVeigh in the army, says on BBC1's *Panorama* tonight that the man had "strange ways" but does not believe he is guilty of the bombing.



Colbern at his arrest in Oatman, Arizona

The US Government has, meanwhile, given a Baltimore company a $215,000 (£136,000) contract to demolish the bombed building.

ICI Explosives USA, a subsidiary of Britain's ICI, announced it would "vigorously contest" a suit filed by Johnnie Cochran, O. J. Simpson's lawyer, for four of those injured in the bombing. It claims the company recklessly disregarded public safety in not adding ingredients to its fertiliser to make it less explosive.

Argentina votes on economic stability

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

MOST Argentinians who voted yesterday in presidential elections will have been hoping that a future government sustains the current economic stability.

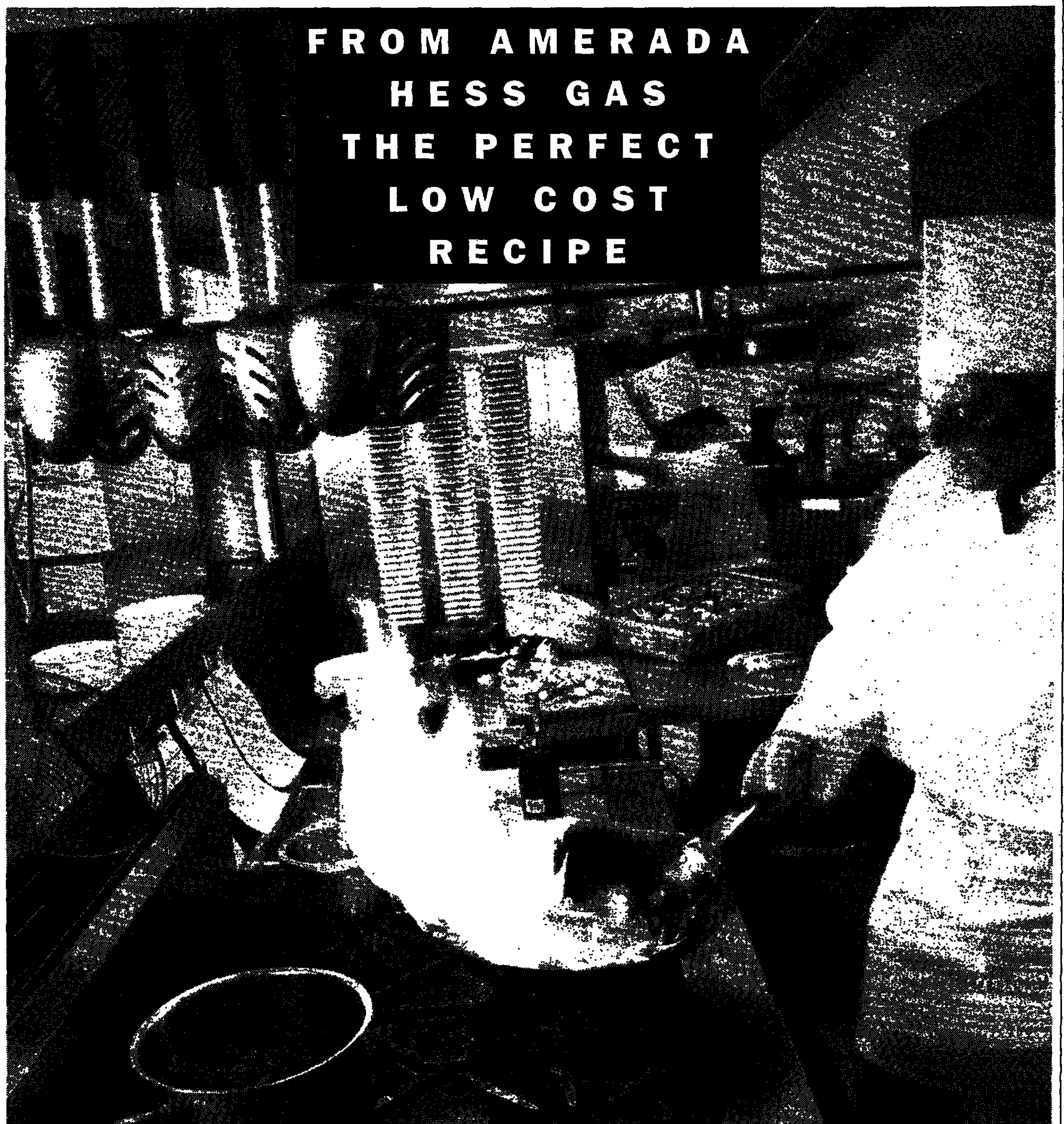
There were also elections for half the 257-seat Congress, 14 provincial governors, and municipal councillors. It was the third set of democratic elections since the country emerged from the brutal military dictatorship of the 1970s and early 1980s.

President Menem, a reformed populist, is credited with cutting inflation and introducing free market policies that have restored a semblance of economic stability, and hopes to slip back into his office at the Casa Rosada (Pink House) palace on the back of his Government's achievements. Señor Menem said he had no doubt of his imminent victory.

Señor Menem's Justice Party, formerly the Peronists, is hoping to increase its majority in the Congress. José Octavio Bordón, the presidential candidate for a Centre Left coalition, said that he could force the election into a second, deciding round of polls. Candidates have to gain more than 45 per cent of the vote, or 40 per cent with a 10 per cent lead over the opposition to be assured of victory in a first round.

Señor Bordón has campaigned to attract the protest vote from people affected by the Government's harsh austerity measures and rising unemployment.

Señor Bordón's National Solidarity Front has dislodged the traditional opposition Radical Party. Its candidate, Horacio Massaccesi, 46, has performed badly in opinion polls because Argentinians associate the Radicals with the hyperinflation and economic chaos that marked the presidency of Raúl Alfonsín.



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US officer guilty for aiding Haiti rights

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A US Army captain who left his post in Haiti to investigate reports of human rights violations at the country's main prison has been found guilty at a court martial in Fort Drum, New York state, of disobeying orders, despite protesting that he was only doing his duty.

Captain Lawrence Rockwood, 36, a counter-intelligence officer with the 10th Mountain Division, climbed over the fence of his base in Haiti on the night of September 30 and went to the National Penitentiary in Port-au-Prince to check reports that political prisoners were being tortured there.

Carrying a loaded M16 assault rifle, Captain Rockwood demanded to be allowed to inspect conditions in the jail. The American Embassy's military attaché told the court martial that he arrived to find Captain Rockwood "unstable" and "trying to take action into his own hands". At one point, he shouted: "I'm an American officer. I'm not a Nazi officer and I want a full accounting of human rights abuses." Captain Rockwood was eventually persuaded to leave and was later cleared as healthy by an Army psychiatrist.

A fourth-generation military man with 15 years' service, Captain Rockwood said his father had taken him to Dachau concentration camp as a boy to teach him about a soldier's individual responsibility. The Army said he broke discipline and should have been more concerned with protecting his fellow soldiers. He was convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer, disobeying a superior, and failing to report for duty. He faces up to six years in jail. He read the court what he called a soldier's poem: "I am what others fear to be ... I went where others fear to go. And I did what others should have done."

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Iran signs deal with China for two reactors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IRAN has signed a formal contract with China for two nuclear reactors and preparations for their construction are well advanced, according to a top Iranian official. If true, the disclosure further undermines the American case against Russia's proposed sale of two reactors to Tehran.

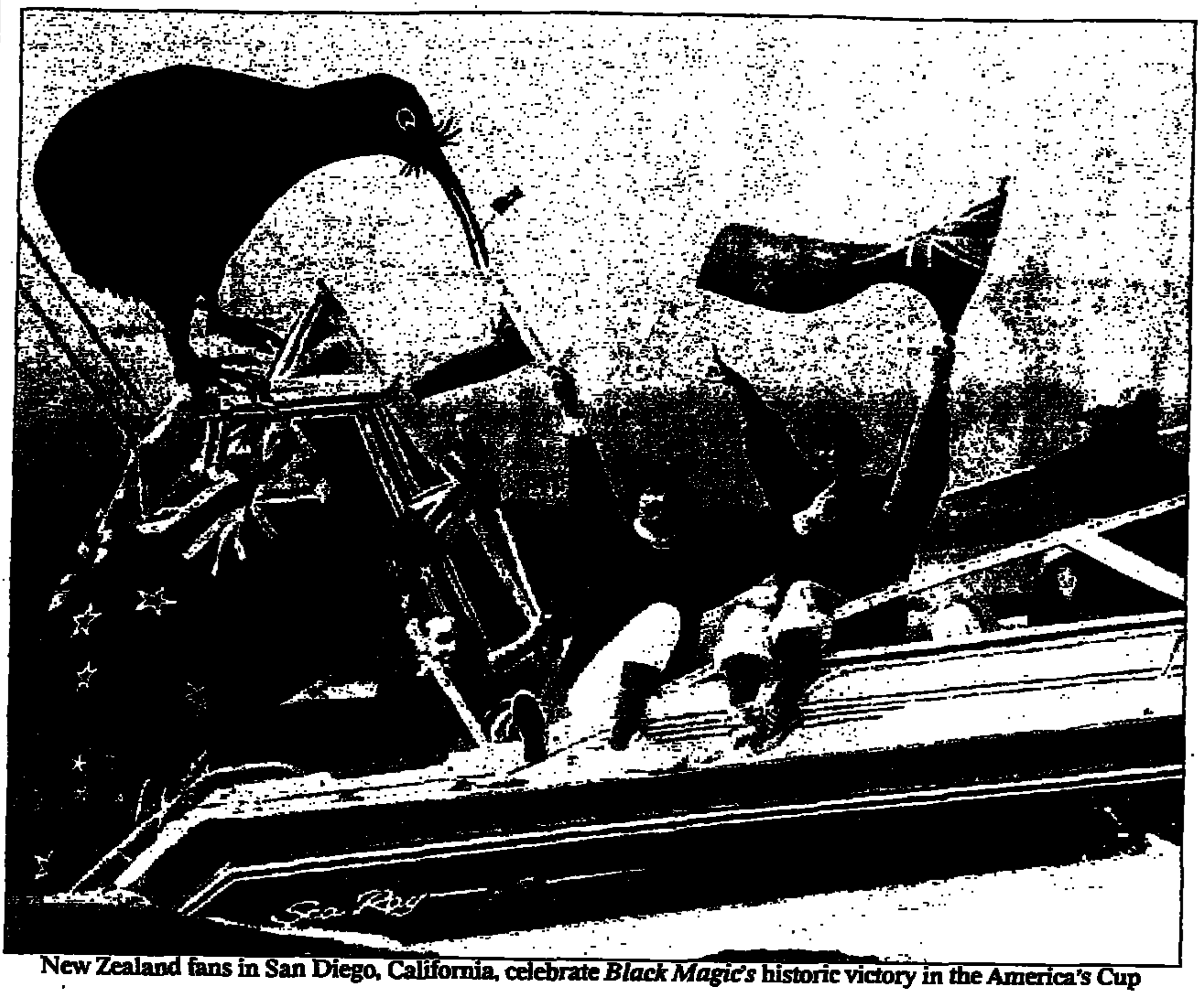
Reza Amrollahi, the director of Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, also denied that Iran had ever sought to buy from Russia a gas centrifuge capable of producing weapons-grade uranium. During last week's Moscow summit, President Clinton portrayed President Yeltsin's offer to block a centrifuge sale as a big concession.

The Clinton Administration has put immense pressure on Russia to abandon its proposed $1 billion (£635 million) sale of two reactors to Iran. The White House believes such a transfer of nuclear technology and expertise would greatly assist Tehran in what Washington calls its crash programme to develop nuclear weapons.

In an interview with *The New York Times*, Mr Amrollahi denied that his country wanted to build nuclear weapons. He said Iran wanted to develop nuclear power so it could sell more of its huge natural gas reserves abroad and suggested that reactors could be acquired from China even if the Russian deal collapsed.

Mr Amrollahi said Iran signed a contract with China last year that included the training of Iranians in nuclear technology. Iran had made a payment towards the eventual cost of between $800 and $900 million, and the Chinese had begun drawing up plans and engineering reports for a site in southern Iran.

Mr Clinton failed to persuade Mr Yeltsin to cancel the reactor deal, but responded angrily at the weekend to Republican charges that the summit was a failure. He said he had persuaded Mr Yeltsin to block the centrifuge sale, to increase Russia's co-operation with Nato by joining the Partnership for Peace programme, and to join a common effort to combat terrorism and organised crime. The summit would increase American security, he said, adding: "I have succeeded."



New Zealand fans in San Diego, California, celebrate *Black Magic's* historic victory in the America's Cup

Cup runneth over for New Zealand

FROM MICHAEL MUNRO IN WELLINGTON

NEW Zealanders opened the champagne, danced in their red socks at street parties and buzzed in anticipation of America's Cup riches yesterday after *Black Magic* won yachting's most coveted prize.

Victory was confirmed when the New Zealand boat had its fifth straight win in the best-of-nine series off San Diego. Dame Catherine Tizard, the Governor-General, declared it New Zealand's proudest day since Sir Edmund Hillary conquered Mount Everest 42 years ago.

Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister, joining revellers at a Wellington yacht club, said "They were typical New Zealanders, doing it well and winning." However, he declined to support a call by the Auckland Regional Chamber of Commerce for a holiday to mark New Zealand's lifting of the cup, which is leaving America for only the second time in its 144-year history.

Public holiday or not, thousands of New Zealanders gathered on the Auckland waterfront and uncorked champagne and cheered their heroes as they watched the climax of the race on a giant television screen. A few could not resist leaping fully clothed into the harbour.

Elsewhere, people hung red socks, the unofficial symbol of America's Cup fever, from buildings, car windows and fences. This was inspired by news that Peter Blake, leader of the Team New Zealand syndicate, had a pair of lucky red socks; *Black Magic's* sole defeat during the earlier Challenger series, came the day he wasn't wearing them.

After *Australia 2* won the America's Cup in 1983, the defence series in Fremantle boosted Western Australia's economy by £200 million and the city's property prices rose. New Zealand is now anticipating a similar spin-off.

Developers are already running promotions for marina berths and property on the Auckland waterfront, and one company was yesterday advertising shares in the next America's Cup spectator fleet.

Yacht triumph, page 27

Douglas film ends abruptly

FROM REUTER IN TEHRAN

IRANIAN television stopped screening *Running*, starring Michael Douglas, above, halfway through the film after viewers, angered by the United States trade embargo against Iran, telephoned to protest against the showing of American films, the official news agency reported.

A scene showing marathon runners in shorts, about an hour from the start of the film, faded out. An announcer claimed the screening could not be continued for "technical reasons", residents said.

Kashmir poll ruling expected

Delhi: The Indian Government faces an opposition onslaught in parliament today for the bungled handling of the crisis in the Kashmiri pilgrim town of Chrar-i-Sharif (Christopher Thomas writes). The Cabinet will decide this week whether to abandon plans for elections in the state.

Tokyo alert

Tokyo: Police mounted a huge security operation in Japan's capital after a bomb went off at Tokyo's Narita airport and to counter violence from the Aum Shinrikyo cult. Nobody was hurt in the blast. *(AFP)*

Marcos claim

Tacloban: Imelda Marcos declared herself winner of a Congress seat in last week's Philippines poll, defying officials who had ruled that she had not lived in her constituency for long enough. *(Reuter)*

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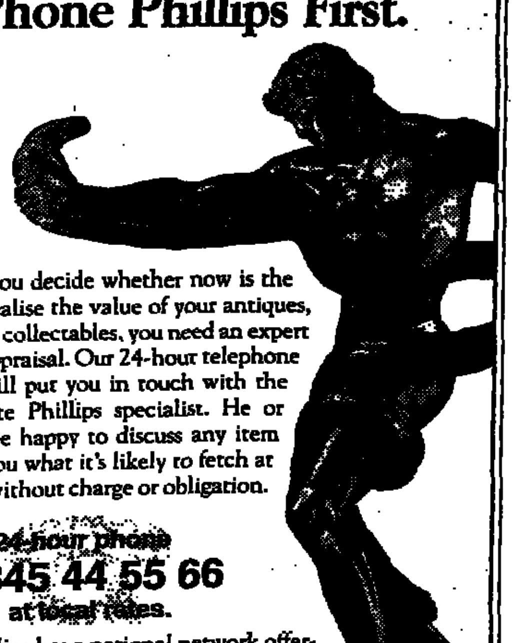

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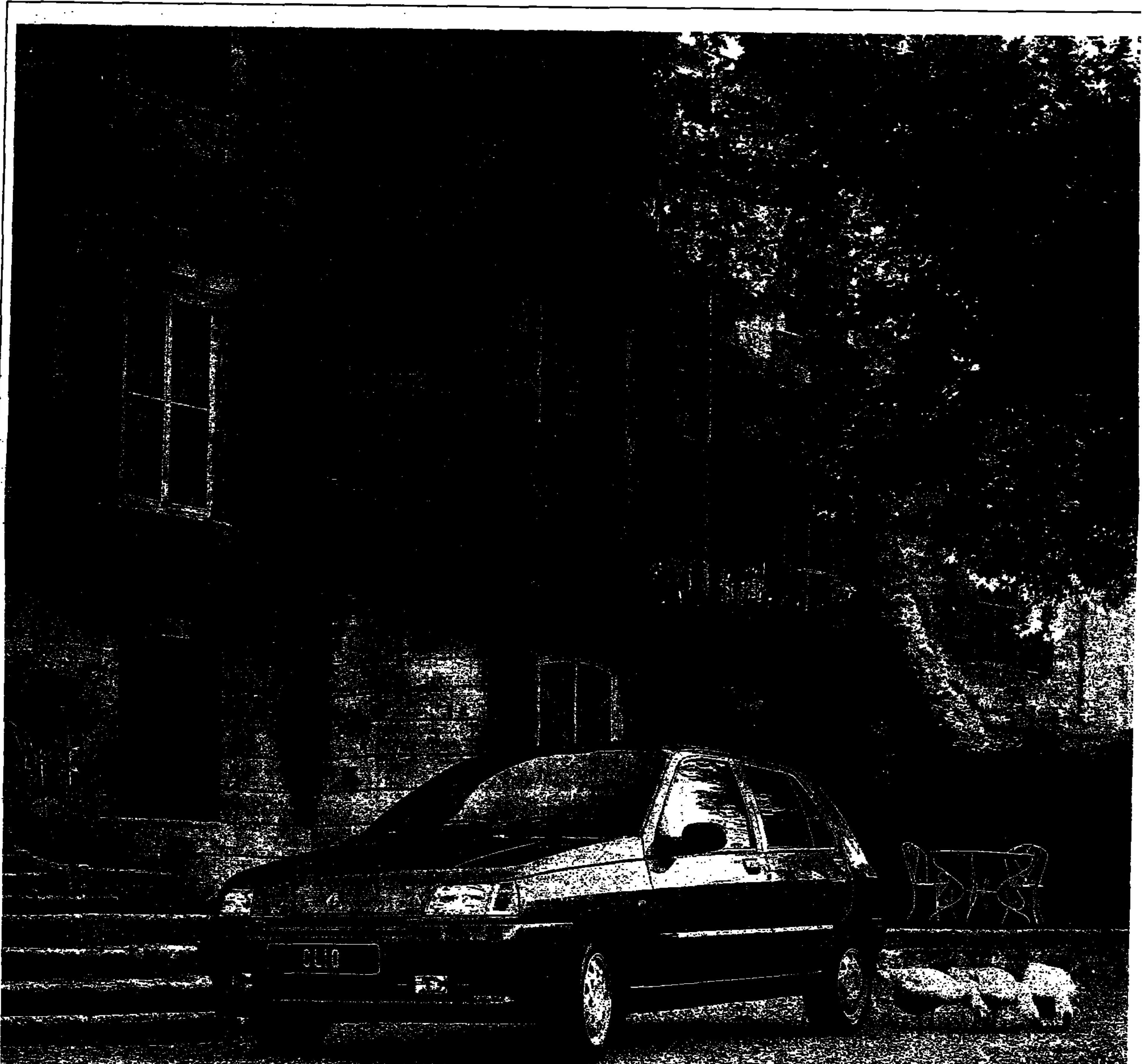

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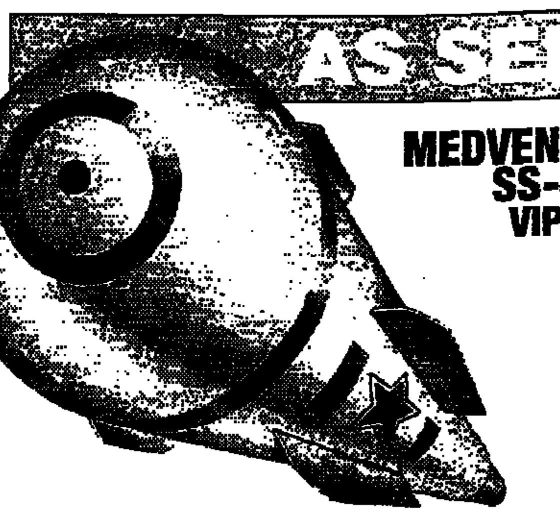

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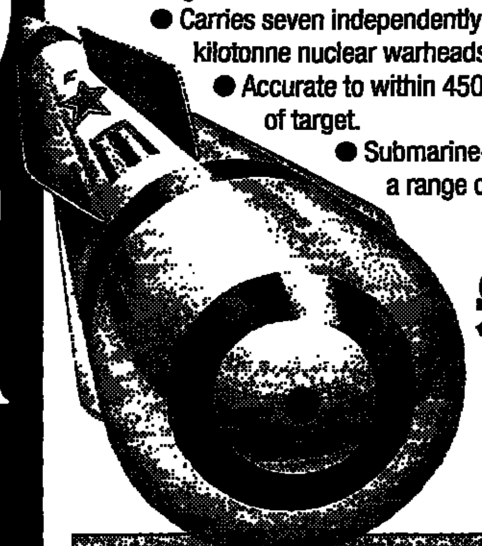

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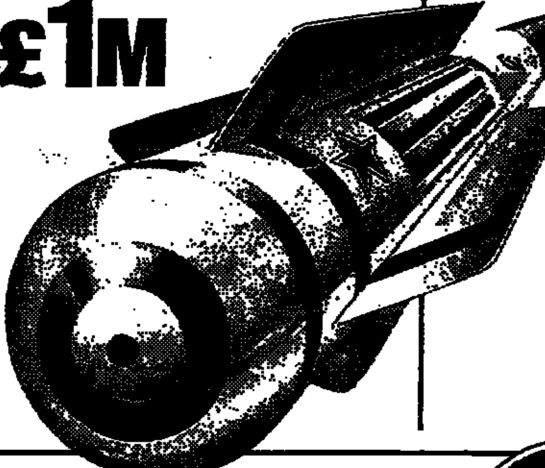

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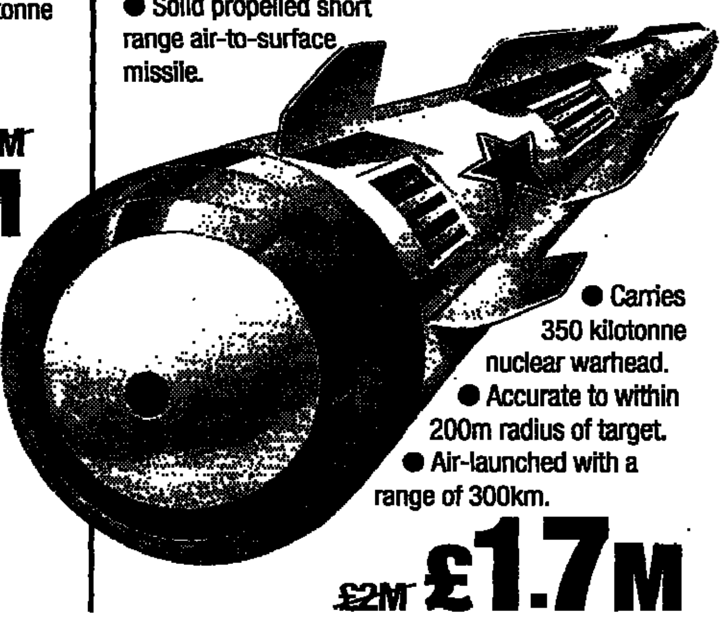

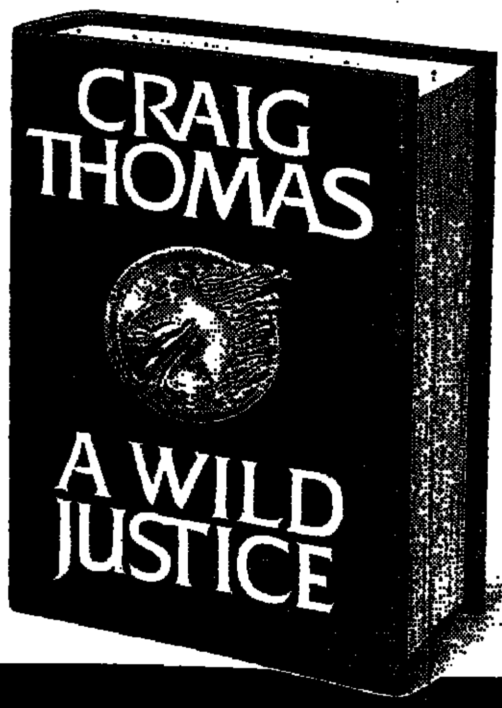

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Serb forces tighten stranglehold on Sarajevo supplies

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

INTENSE fighting raged along a vital supply corridor for Serbs in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina for a fourth day yesterday as their forces tightened the stranglehold on Sarajevo.

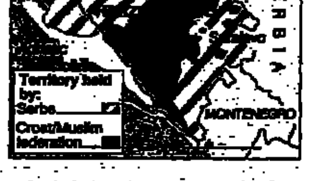
Attempts by the United Nations to "clarify" a Serb decision to more than halve the natural gas supply to the capital were met with feigned surprise by the Serbs. A UN utilities worker said over the weekend that the Serbs had partially closed the valve on the gas pipe a few days earlier, in a deliberately political move.

"It is part of the overall strangulation of the city," a UN official said. Aid flights to the city have been suspended for more than a month, relief convoys are being blocked, and the Serbs are threatening to shoot at vehicles crossing the UN-controlled airport to avoid being robbed or arrested at Serb checkpoints. Shelling and sniping is also on the increase in Sarajevo.

The pressure on the capital appears to be a precursor to a spring and summer of confrontations between increasingly aggressive government troops and the Serb army.

Nearby, UN military observers reported that some 2,000 artillery, tank and mortarshells were used in a battle between Bosnian Croat and Serb units near Brcko in less than three hours yesterday morning. For several days, the area has seen some of the most intense barrages of the war, including the use of massive, lorry-launched Luna-missiles.

The Lunas and most of the shelling have come from Serb troops who started a three-pronged attack against the Orasje pocket last week. The pocket sits on Bosnia's border with Croatia and is a pinch point along the northern edge of the corridor. The narrow stretch of ground is a lifeline for approximately one million Serbs in the northwest of the country and in Serb-held parts of Croatia with Serbia.



It appears that, despite the withering fire, the Bosnian Croat units, backed by help from Croatia, have held their ground. Bosnian government troops, along the corridor's southern rim, have so far stayed out of the fray. The Serb attack coincided with renewed "ethnic cleansing" in Banja Luka, the main city in the area.

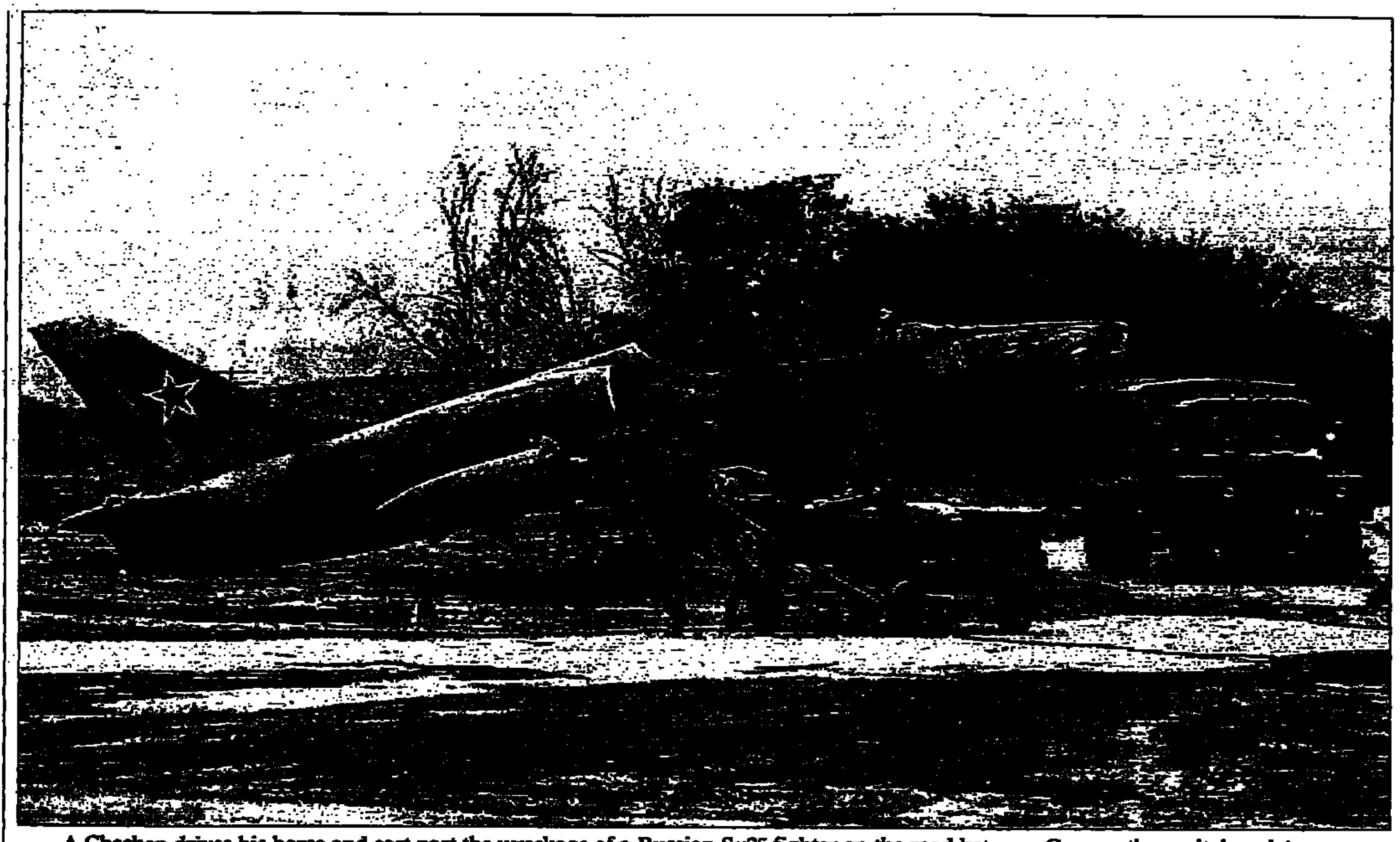
On Saturday, the charred remains of a 52-year-old Catholic priest and a 43-year-old nun were discovered in St Theresa's church, razed by Serbs on Friday.

The area has seen no fighting, but local Serbs have blown up or set fire to more than 30 mosques and churches in the past three years. Across the border in Croatia, UN officers reported that Croatian army troops had begun a withdrawal from a buffer zone manned by peacekeepers and police between them and Serb units. They had reinforced positions elsewhere, however.

Croatian army troops launched a successful, two-day offensive against Serbs in the central region of the country ten days ago. Along with that offensive, government units took up positions in the UN buffer zone.

The withdrawal took place along a southern confrontation line near the coast. A officer said the move had "very little" strategic significance but described it as a "positive step".

☐ **Rome:** The Pope yesterday condemned the killing of the priest and the nun in Banja Luka and called for an end to the fighting in former Yugoslavia. *(Reuter)*



A Chechen drives his horse and cart past the wreckage of a Russian Su25 fighter on the road between Grozny, the capital, and Argun

Russians pound Chechen mountain villages

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN forces stepped up their bombardment of Chechen rebel villages at the weekend as the Moscow military made final preparations for a mountain offensive against separatist strongholds.

Witnesses said that Russian tanks and artillery pounded several rebel-held hamlets in the foothills of the Caucasus mountains of southern Chechenia, targeting in particular two communities near the town of Shatoi. Despite Russian claims that the barrage was aimed at rebel positions, refugees fleeing the villages of Chiri-Yurt and Duba-Yurt said that artillery fire had destroyed many homes, farms, and a factory.

In one incident at the weekend, a group of international observers from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe came under Russian tank fire as they searched for Frederick Cuny, an American aid worker reported missing last month.

The Russian bombardment, together with reports of troop movements, signalled the start of a fresh campaign by the Russians to liquidate the last remaining pockets of Chechen resistance.

Over the weekend, General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, said that his forces would resume in earnest their operations against the Chechens now that Moscow's two-week ceasefire had ended. "The ceasefire has expired, and today we will start active operations," said General Grachev, who has been criticised repeatedly in the Russian press for his bloody five-month campaign in the northern Caucasus.

"We will go on fighting until the rebels realise they have no option but to surrender." Russian field commanders said they were prepared for a long summer offensive in the mountain region of southern Chechenia.

Creating art that is out of this world

BY ANJANA AHUJA

ARTISTS have until Friday to submit works for what must be the most heavenly art exhibition ever mounted. Twenty paintings on the theme of space and humanity will be chosen to fly to the Mir space station in September.

The European Space Agency will send the Ars Ad Astra (Art to the Stars) exhibition to Mir with scientific experiments as part of EuroMir '95, the second agency mission to the Russian space station.

Artists must execute their ideas using special lightweight paper, as the total weight of the exhibition must not exceed 1kg. Non-toxic media such as watercolour or ink must be used. The works also have to be flat so, barring any innovative origami, sculptures are unlikely to be chosen.

The European agency plans to broadcast a live television transmission from the space station in November, during which millions of viewers will get the chance to inspect the artwork. The astronauts on Mir will use the link-up to announce which painting, in their opinion, best sums up the theme of the exhibition. The winning artwork will stay on the space station permanently and the artist will receive an Omega watch like those worn by astronauts.

The other 19 works will be flown back to Earth in January in an American space shuttle for an international tour. So far 60 artists from 13 countries have applied for the chance to win cosmic fame. A panel of artists and scientists in Switzerland will compile the shortlist of 20 in July.

Arthur Woods, the founder and president of the Ours Foundation in Zurich, who dreamt up the exhibition, said: "We are leaving a lot of the public behind by focusing on just the scientists in space. We are trying to reach out to people who wouldn't normally be interested."

President-elect picks team

Chirac gives Europhiles senior jobs

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER a week closeted in his office at the Paris city hall, Jacques Chirac, the President-elect, has nearly completed a government team and a strategy intended both to jolt the way France runs its economy and to signal a firm commitment to the European Union.

As M Chirac prepared to take over from President Mitterrand on Wednesday, the outlines of an administration filtered out from the intense consultations which he has conducted with Alain Juppé, his chief Gaullist lieutenant and likely Prime Minister. M Juppé, who has made his mark as Foreign Minister, is expected to announce a team at the end of this week that will include pro-European figures in key posts. The probable appointment as Foreign Minister of the non-Gaullist Hervé de Charette, 56, an ally of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, will underline M Chirac's intention to stick with the European line steered by the past two Presidents.

M de Charette, now Housing Minister, was an early Chirac supporter. Alain Lamassoure, the European Affairs Minister in the Government of Edouard Balladur and another colleague from M Giscard d'Estaing's UDF grouping, is also expected to keep his job. Another pro-European is Dominique de Villepin, 41, a diplomat and aide to M Juppé, who is to be appointed to the key post of secretary-general of the presidency.

A solid commitment to the EU and a firm franc, to be emphasised in an early meeting with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is deemed vital for M Chirac to be able to undertake the mini-revolution at home that was his main election promise, his aides say. With strikes scheduled across the public sector and the Socialist opposition seeking to exploit municipal elections next month, the team has little time to deliver on its job-creating promises. Many experts still see conflict between M Chirac's commitment to an economic relaunch and the high interest-rate discipline needed to keep the franc-mark link and curb deficits for monetary union. "Choices are going to have to be made," *Le Monde* said.

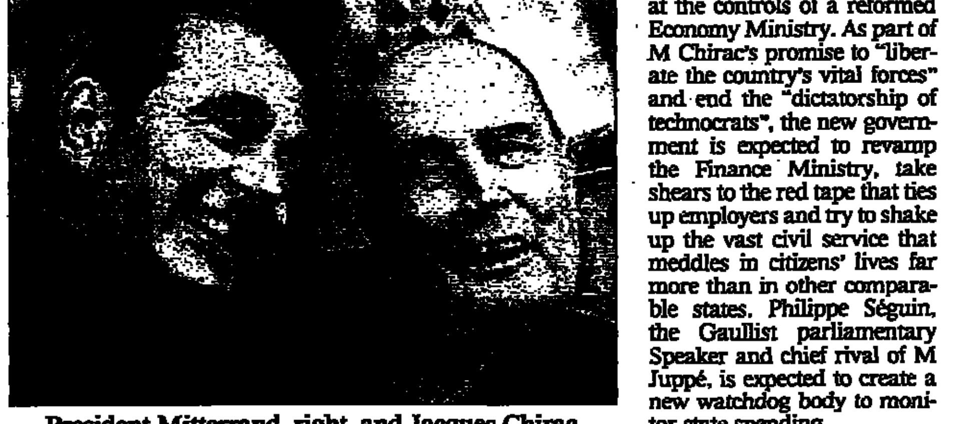
The new leadership is, however, expected to seek German understanding over the urgent need for some slack in the drive for deficit-cutting. This will be necessary to pay the initial cost of the employment drive at the heart of the Chirac manifesto, based mainly on the exemption of payroll taxes for certain classes of workers. With 1.6 per cent inflation and 3.2 per cent growth, the President-elect's team believe they have room for manoeuvre.

Alain Madelin, the most free-market orientated minister of the balladur Government, is widely expected to be at the controls of a reformed Economy Ministry. As part of M Chirac's promise to "liberate the country's vital forces" and end the "dictatorship of technocrats", the new government is expected to revamp the Finance Ministry, take shears to the red tape that ties up employers and try to shake up the vast civil service that meddles in citizens' lives far more than in other comparable states. Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist parliamentary Speaker and chief rival of M Juppé, is expected to create a new watchdog body to monitor state spending.

Revived by the campaign of Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Party has already launched its offensive. On Saturday, M Jospin said: "Jacques Chirac and his friends will be unable to find the right answers concerning unemployment, nor will they be able to live up to the expectations of the young, especially concerning education."

Despite his declarations of reconciliation, M Chirac's government is expected to include none of the heavyweight Gaullists and UDF who sided with M Balladur. He is not, for example, expected to appoint Charles Pasqua, the Balladur Interior Minister and champion of law and order, who is a Gaullist baron. The Interior Ministry job is likely to go to Charles Millon, another centrist.

One of the most unlikely phenomena of the new administration is M Chirac's new-found adoption of M Giscard d'Estaing as friendly elder statesman. The two had barely been on speaking terms for nearly two decades since M Chirac resigned as M Giscard' d'Estaing's Prime Minister.



President Mitterrand, right, and Jacques Chirac, his successor, watch the weekend football cup final

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Kohl coalition partners falter in state polls

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German coalition of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, looked set to enter stormy waters last night after his small, troubled partner, the Free Democrats, scored miserable results in two regional elections and dropped out of important state parliaments.

The position of Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister and chairman of the Free Democrats (FDP), has been seriously sapped by the elections in North Rhine-Westphalia and Bremen. He will face real pressure to step down at a party congress in June and the FDP will begin debating whether its alliance with Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats is too costly.

Voters in North Rhine-Westphalia voted overwhelmingly for the Social Democrats (SPD) and the incumbent Prime Minister, Johannes Rau. Even so, early exit polls indicated that their 46 per cent share of the vote might not be sufficient to continue the 15-year absolute majority enjoyed by the SPD.

If Herr Rau, who in opinion surveys regularly emerges as the most popular politician in Germany, has to share power, he will probably have to do so with the Greens, who doubled their share of the vote yesterday to reach around 10 per cent. Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) held stable with about 36 per cent. Herr Rau's chief problem, however, was not a strong CDU challenge, but rather a low turnout and the FDP collapse.

North Rhine-Westphalia encompasses the Ruhr region and a number of big cities including Cologne and Essen; more than 13 million voters live in the *Land*. The FDP defeat for the Free Democrats cannot therefore be dismissed as a merely provincial problem. In Bremen, the rapid emergence of a the "Work for Bremen" (AFB) party shook up the ruling SPD and could lead to its being levered out of power in the traditionally left-leaning city state.

Early polls, however, indicated that the most likely new arrangement would be an SPD-Green coalition. The Social Democrats secured around 33 per cent of the vote, a substantial fall from the 1991 level of 39 per cent. SPD support has eroded by some 17 per cent over the past eight years. The steady decline of the Social Democrats in the city, the forced departure of the FDP (who fell well below the 5 per cent needed for parliamentary representation) and the crumbling of the far Right vote have made Bremen politics volatile.

Outside Bremen, the significance of this is that the SPD's position in Bonn parliamentary committees will be weakened. That is mildly encouraging for the Chancellor. But otherwise Herr Kohl has little to be happy about. He needs Herr Kinkel and the Free Democrats at his side if he is to push ahead with his most cherished project, the deeper integration of the European Union.

Belorussia holds vote on closer ties with Russia

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE former Soviet republic of Belorussia went to the polls yesterday in its first general election since the collapse of the former Soviet Union. A referendum was also held that would restore many of the outward signs of the Soviet period and reduce both the symbols and substance of independence.

The referendum, called by President Lukashenko, asks voters to approve economic union with Russia, official status for the Russian language equal to that of Belorussian, and the dropping of the independent Belorussian red and white flag and coat of arms in favour of the red flag of the Soviet Republic of Belorussia.

The weakness of Belorussian national consciousness is rooted in a history without independent statehood. Mr Lukashenko has a point when he says that the coat of arms, a mounted knight, is artificial and asks: "Who are we going to attack today on that horse, with sword in hand?"

This insignia, called "Vitis", is the ancient symbol of Lithuania, which conquered the Belorussian region in the Middle Ages. As a Lithuanian journalist once remarked acidly: "The Belorussians had to borrow it because they have no national tradition of their own."

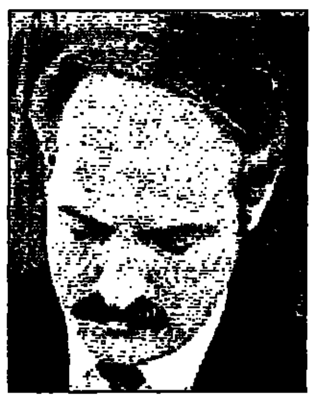
Until this century, the Belorussians — a peasant people ruled over by Polish-Lithuanian Catholic noblemen — had no national intelligentsia, only their Russian Orthodox priesthood, which naturally identified with Russia. Its solidarity with Russia and the Soviet Union was strengthened by the Second World War when the Belorussians suffered terribly at the hands of the Nazis before being rescued by the Soviet Army. Belorussians who subsequently rose to the top of the Soviet system included Andrei Gromyko, the late and long-standing Soviet Foreign Minister.

The decision to downgrade Belorussia's language seems bizarre to an outside observer, but to most Belorussians it appears no stranger than Scots or Irish preferring the use of English to that of Gaelic. President Lukashenko has said that by giving official status to the Russian language, he is only recognising the reality of the situation.

"We will preserve our nation, protect our academic potential and won't allow the Belorussian language to be force fed," the President said. "But consider reality. About 90 per cent of Belorussian citizens speak Russian."

The move has, however, caused anguish among Belorussian nationalists, who believe that the country is virtually disappearing. In the words of Vasil Bykov, a writer, "so little of Belorussia remains. The one thing we have left is our language and this referendum will decide its fate".

After the Soviet Union disintegrated, the economic decline of Belorussia was exacerbated by the diehard anti-reform policies of its communist ruling elite. Most of the ten million citizens have reacted to economic hardship not with greater nationalism, but with demands for closer relations with Russia.

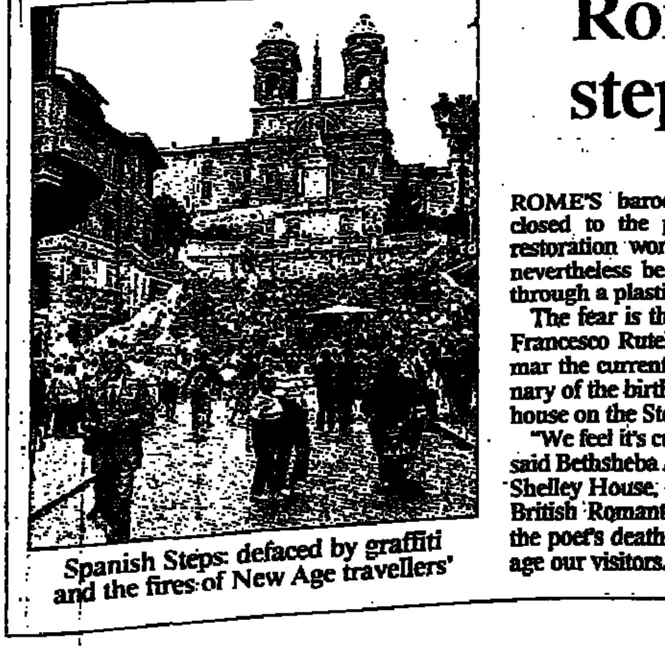


Lukashenko: casting his vote in Minsk yesterday

One of the reasons for Mr Lukashenko's victory in last year's presidential elections was his proud boast that he was the only Belorussian deputy to vote against the disintegration of the Soviet Union in December 1991. Mr Lukashenko has ardently sought currency union with Russia, but Moscow has steered clear off this course of action for fear that subsidising Belorussia would put an intolerable strain on the Russian budget.

Rome's authorities out of step with Keats festivities

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME



Spanish Steps: defaced by graffiti and the fires of New Age travellers'

ROME'S baroque Spanish Steps will be closed to the public for eight months of restoration work from today. Tourists will nevertheless be able to watch the clean-up through a plastic screen.

The fear is that the operation, ordered by Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, will mar the current celebrations for the bicentenary of the birth of John Keats. He died in a house on the Steps in 1821.

"We feel it's cutting off Keats in his prime," said Bethsheba Abse, the curator of the Keats-Shelley House, the museum dedicated to the British Romantics that was created around the poet's deathbed. "I think it may discourage our visitors. A clean up is overdue, but I feel sad that they have chosen this moment."

Officials, however, say that the restoration has been planned for years to wipe away the graffiti scrawled by generations of young Romans and tourists and to eradicate the marks of the fires that New Age travellers light on the steps during impromptu nocturnal concerts.

Some shopkeepers are up in arms at the timing, at the height of the tourist season. But Rome's superintendant of monuments said: "If we do not act now, the damage to the walling and travertine stonework could be irreversible. The work has to be done in the spring and summer because restorative materials will not dry if it rains."

Keats: being cut off in the prime of the celebrations for his bicentenary

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD

■ VISUAL ART

The Brighton Festival dips a toe into the steamy waters of object fetishism through the centuries

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow

■ POP

Will it be *Greetings from the Gutter* or a return to form for Dave Stewart at Shepherds Bush?

GIG: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday

■ THEATRE

Steven Berkoff tackles Shakespeare for the first time in Britain, playing Coriolanus in West Yorkshire

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

■ OPERA

Britten's *Midsummer Night's Dream* comes to the Coliseum in a surreal production by Robert Carsen

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

A VOYAGE AROUND MY FATHER: Robert Lang, Lynn Farleigh and Mark Tandy go navigating in John Mortimer's affectionate, dramatic tribute. Laurence Boswell's excellent production, on tour after a run in Southampton.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Music Theatre London returns to the Covent Garden festival with one of Mozart's most popular operas. Hopes are high after last year's accolades for its *La Traviata*.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight-Fri and May 22-26, 7.30pm; May 20 and 27, 3pm and 7.30pm. Ⓢ

TINA MAY: A musical treat in Knightsbridge this week, as Ms May offers polished performances that slide easily across the spectrum from swing to jazz.
Pizza on the Park, Hyde Park Corner, SW1 (0171-235 5550). Tonight-Sat, 9.15 and 11.15pm.

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS: The French season continues **at Opera North**, with a new production of Debussy's *Pelleas and Melisande*. Director Richard Jones's imagination can run riot with this one, as it has to such effect in the Covent Garden *Ring*. Paul Daniel conducts, with Joan Rodgers, William Dazeley, Robert Hayward, Clive Bayley.
Grand, New Briggate (0113 245 9351/440971). Tonight, Wed and Fri, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

COVENTRY: Mac Macdonald plays the grotty hero in a musical version of Raymond Briggs's **Fungus the Bogeyman**, described as a "Plop" Opera and directed by Ken Campbell.
Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553 055). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm and May 21 and 28, 4pm. Until June 3.

CHICHESTER: Daniel Massey plays Wilhelm Furtwängler and Michael Pennington the American investigating allegations of the conductor's Nazi allegiance in **Taking Sides**. Harold Pinter directs Ronald Harwood's latest.
Minerva Studio, Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.45pm. Opens May 22, until June 3.

SHEFFIELD: Siobhan Davies's latest work for her dance company, **Wild Translations**, premieres tonight. It's been done with her regular team of score by Kevin Volans, designs by David Buckland and lighting by Peter Mumford, so we should be sure of the usual high quality; the programme is a double bill with last year's success, *The Glass Blew In*.
Crucible, Norfolk Street (0114-276 9922). Tonight and Tue, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ House full, returns only
- ◩ Some seats available
- ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ABSOLUTE HELL:** Set in a drinking club in the summer of 1945 (excellent timing by the NT), Rodney Ackland's neglected, state-of-an-odd-nation comedy is played by a top-class cast headed by Judi Dench and Greg Hicks. Anthony Page directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm; mat May 20, 2.15pm. Opens May 23. Ⓢ

◩ **DEALER'S CHOICE:** Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama, transferred from the National. Funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI:** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **JEFFREY:** Christopher Villiers plays a New Yorker tuned in to total abstinence. Tim Luscombe directs Paul Rudnick's Off-Broadway hit with a million camp quips.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until June 10. Ⓢ

◩ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE:** Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS:** O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE SILVER TASSIE:** Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama, not seen in London since 1969. What happens to a Dublin soccer hero after he volunteers in 1914. Lynne Parker directs a large cast.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BOYS ON THE SIDE** (15): Unappealing women's picture with Whoopi Goldberg, Mary Louise Parker, Drew Barrymore. Herbert Ross directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15): Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

◆ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** (15): Adventures of three Irish girls in the 1950s. Highly conventional, slightly charming, with Minnie Driver and Chris O'Donnell. Pat O'Connor directs, from Maeve Binchy's novel.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **FRESH** (18): Brooklyn boy tries to outwit the local drug lords. Energetic ghetto drama from Boaz Yakin.
Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THE MAN BY THE SHORE: Piquant recollections of a child growing up in Papa Doc's Haiti. A striking film by Raoul Peck.
ICA Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

SIN COMPASION (15): Stodgy retelling of *Crime and Punishment* from Peruvian director Francisco J. Lombardi.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

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BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from *Slacker* director Richard Linklater.
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Hobson's Choice
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MARILYN KINGWILL

Nichola McAuliffe as the unsinkable Maggie Hobson and Leo McKern as her father in *Hobson's Choice*

Harold Brighouse wrote *Hobson's Choice* in 1914. The social details of the play have dated, but only in the way that *Charley's Aunt* and *You Never Can Tell* also belong wholly to their time and yet speak joyously to ours. Brighouse set his play some 35 years earlier, in Salford, when it was the boom town of Lancashire and Maggie the outspoken heroine could be regarded by her father as being out of the running for marriage because of her age. "Thirty and shelved," Hobson tells her, and not just because he needs her brains to keep his shoe-shop flourishing.

But the play is about the turning of worms, the bringing out of lights from under bushels, and the transmission of power from old hands to new. Brighouse's skill lay in effecting these transitions with a wealth of warm humour, and this quality streams forth in Frank Hauser's production. Nichola McAuliffe's Maggie bosses her sisters, her father, and Willie Mossop, the bootmaker in the workroom beneath the shop, whose potential she recognises and decides to marry. But her no-nonsense practicality and crisp demolition of pretension wins us over from the start.

McAuliffe has a manner of standing very simply, entirely without affectation, sizing up the person addressing her, and then deflating them with a plain statement, beautifully timed. "I don't see why you should always have your way," one sister complains. Without a flicker of apology crossing her deadpan face, McAuliffe replies: "It's just a habit."

What we acknowledge as soon as we see her with Mossop is that she will be the making of this hitherto unambitious chap, just as he can be the liberation of her. Mossop is a peach of a role, and Graham Turner's delightful performance traces the arc of his growth from charmed confusion, awkwardly wiping his hands on his apron, to the confident, self-employed worker of a year later, a watch-chain hanging across his waistcoat. The poster for the original London production showed Maggie pulling him by the ear towards the marriage bed. I do not know if that was how the scene was once played, but in this production she and Mossop shyly hold out a hand and walk side by side to the bedroom, equally in need of encouragement. If this is Hauser's invention, it is an excellent one.

Hobson himself is something of a figure of fun, a blusterer always getting his comeuppance. Leo McKern blusters well, looks suitably subdued when come-upped-upon but truly springs to life when talking of lawyers. The eyes in his rumpled face blaze, his hands tremble to squeeze a legal throat. Brighouse made him a man of straw: Maggie's real opponent is a society reluctant to believe a woman is quite as able as a man.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that Salford was the birthplace of the suffragette leader, Emmeline Pankhurst.

JEREMY KINGSTON

The future is here

DANCE

Mark Bruce
The Place

VERY rarely does a fresh young talent come along that is so original, so assured, so complete, that you can hardly believe your eyes. Mark Bruce, who also appears as one of the six dancers of *Lovesick*, has the pale and undernourished look of an unruly teenager. But there is nothing unruly or teenage about his skill, although his language has the fire and radicalism of youth. If there is a gene for choreography then he has inherited it from his father Christopher, Rambert Dance Company's director.

The rock songs of P.J. Harvey provide the setting for most of the dances: harsh vocal confessions painfully dragged from a troubled heart, supplemented by the totally different urbane 1930s ballads of Al Bowley. Bruce has constructed *Lovesick* as a series of daring, contrasting dance numbers which he links not only through the theme of the title, but through movement motifs that accumulate and recur like the rhyming words of verse.

A woman pummels the air in despair, while a man performs a strange, intent solo of simple side-to-side shifts: a step picked up by all three men later. In another scene, the three women confront the three men, the women tongue-in-cheek clichés of feminine allure who hold roses between their teeth and flick their long red dresses like weapons. The men arch defensively back to crash to the ground, their unison voice alternating with the women's, the pitch of the dialogue rising until it becomes like a bullfight and the women's skirts become matadors' capes. But when, towards the end of the piece, the two trios return, the women have lost their unity. They seem on the retreat, their same steps have lost their conviction.

Bruce creates dances out of unexpected undecorative movement that might be dangerously full-throttle at one moment or slow and compact at another. But controlling it all is a vivid sense of structure and design. The first pas de deux is full of striking shapes, the man (Bruce) lifting and tilting the woman, or complementing her upended legs with his sideways extended arms in a crucifixion of lovers.

Beautiful Jessica Mynhardt performs a desperate solo of on-the-spot repeated bounds and skips that trace patterns of swoops and curves. She might be a bucking horse, just as other dancers occasionally suggest other animals.

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Richard Morrison met Claudio Abbado during the Berlin Philharmonic's current London visit

How to conduct an orchestral miracle

What, I ask Claudio Abbado, is the secret of the world's greatest orchestra? He *should* know. After all, he is the conductor. "Well," he says, "first there is this great harmony in the Berlin Philharmonic now. A beautiful, warm, friendly harmony. For one thing, everybody has time to play chamber music. So they learn to listen to each other; they have fun together. And when they come back to the orchestra, there is enthusiasm. It is not like a job that you must do every day."

Abbado is too courteous to say "not like in London" — the city whose orchestral potential and galling frustrations he knows only too well from his LSO days. But we get the drift. Anything else, maestro?

"Yes, the Berlin Philharmonic has so many young players now. More than a quarter of the orchestra never played under Karajan." This, in Abbado's eyes, is clearly no bad thing. "The first flute is 22; the first cello is very young, the first clarinet, horn and oboe are new. Many have come from the European Community Youth Orchestra and the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra."

Abbado beams with pleasure, for he founded both orchestras. Now he is reaping the instrumental harvest that he himself sowed: re-auditioning the same players that he first heard as children, but now to be principals with the Berlin Philharmonic.

But aren't we forgetting one other magic ingredient? The small matter of money? If you add up *all* the subsidy of the four London orchestras, for instance, you arrive at a figure that is a quarter of what Berlin gives to its Philharmonic.

Abbado agrees that Berlin's support of its chief orchestra (it has six others, and three opera houses) is "tremendous". Indeed, he illustrates the point with an anecdote. When the orchestra auditioned for a new leader recently the players were divided as to the merits of two equally superb candidates. So Abbado simply spoke to the Berlin Senate — and both were hired. In Berlin, whatever the maestro wants, the maestro gets.

Of course, even to mention the concept of "the greatest orchestra in the world" is to invite the ridicule of cognoscenti. No such thing, they say. Everybody has bad nights.

That's true. Yet anybody who heard the Berliners at last year's Proms will beg to differ. A fantastic performance of Mahler's Ninth stunned a packed Albert Hall into a full 30 seconds of silence. "Wonderful," said *The Times*. "Superlative, compelling," gasped *The Guardian*. If *that* wasn't the world's greatest orchestra at work, 5,000 people would like to hear what is.

> ‘Abbado is now able to reap the instrumental harvest that he himself sowed’

Abbado, as usual, shrugs off his Proms triumph. "A Mahler symphony is like an opera," he says. "Each one takes in both life and death. Maybe that is why they appeal so much to young audiences."

But further confirmation of the Berliners' pre-eminence came last week. In what was virtually an orchestral Olympic Games the three finest ensembles in Europe took part in a remarkable Mahler cycle in Amsterdam. The Vienna Philharmonic was all silky-smooth precision; the Concertgebouw Orchestra superbly impassioned. But there was no doubt as to who took the gold medal. "Simply tremendous," said *The Times* of Abbado and the Berlin Philharmonic. "Quite simply the best I've ever heard," said *The Guardian*.

Now the Berliners and their reticent, complex, brilliant Italian conductor are back in London. Last night they played Mahler's Fifth in the Festival Hall. Tonight it is the Ninth. After that... well, Abbado has signed a contract that keeps him in Berlin until at least 2002, and is already masterminding spectacular festivals that involve all of the city's orchestras, theatres, opera houses and museums. "It would be possible in London, too, if someone had the courage to organise it," he says.

All of which must be very gratifying for him, given what happened last August. On the very morning that Abbado flew to London for his Prom, *The Times* published an interview with Christoph von Dohnányi, the sombre German conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra. Dohnányi was in astonishingly vitriolic mood, and launched a tirade against other conductors in general, and Abbado in particular. For instance: "He is very bad at rehearsing, and this makes musicians unhappy ... Abbado will play and play the music, but not say anything ... nothing has really been established."

Abbado issued the best possible riposte that evening — not with words, but with brilliant music-making. Nevertheless, I invite him to comment on Dohnányi's opinions.

"Who?" says Abbado tersely.

"Maestro Dohnányi," I repeat.

Abbado frowns, hesitates for about ten seconds, and then launches into a speech that has clearly been stewing in his mind for ages. "You know, Dohnányi must be good because he conducts the Cleveland Orchestra. So I was probably not very lucky. I have heard him twice. It was perhaps in repertoire that he didn't like. Or it wasn't very well prepared, I don't know. But I wasn't very impressed."

Abbado pauses, and then delivers the *coup de grâce*. "And I have heard that the Berlin Philharmonic will not play with him again."

With that small unpleasantness out of the way, the frown disappears, and Abbado turns to discussion of two favourite non-musical topics: cuisine ("Berlin now has 2,000 Italian restaurants!") and football ("I am sorry about the other night — but your Arsenal goalkeeper was *much* too far off his line").

And why should Abbado frown for long? He's on top of the world.

● *The Berlin Philharmonic and Abbado play at the Festival Hall (0171-928 8800) tonight at 7.30pm*

Claudio Abbado in action with the Berlin Philharmonic: "A Mahler symphony is like an opera; each one takes in both life and death"

CONCERTS: Mighty Mutter; majestic Ma

Soaring violin, searing violence

Philharmonia / Bychkov
Festival Hall

IN HER series of four concerts with the Philharmonia, Anne-Sophie Mutter started with Wolfgang Rihm and Prokofiev, and ended with Mozart and Brahms. But any fears that there would be a taming of that individualist, questing spirit with the approach of old warhorses were laid to rest with a wonderfully perceptive reading of the Brahms Violin Concerto last Thursday.

As earlier in the series, the introductory orchestral tutti as directed by Semyon Bychkov offered few clues about what was to come. But with her arresting opening statement, Mutter immediately placed her stamp on the performance. That series of challenging flourishes culminated in some grandly bowed arpeggios that dissolved imperceptibly into an accompanimental figure for the woodwind.

Yet even here Mutter's strongly characterised varieties of articulation held the attention, just as her abrasive triple-stopping a little later pursued a courageously risky course by deliberately eschewing the ingratiating. There was also a good deal of superbly lyrical playing, the solo instrument soaring above the stave.

With musicianship of this order and intensity, Bychkov must have wondered what he could do to get in on the act. Then, for at least two movements of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, it looked as if Bychkov might again fail to impose his personality on the proceedings. The first movement went through all the motions, with its angular dissonances and bitter-sweet lyricism, just as the second-movement scherzo carried but a hint of mild anarchy. Yet there was little conviction there, until, with the third-movement largo, a real performance began to take shape.

If the Fifth Symphony indeed enshrines the composer's coded response to Stalinist repression, then the icy (Siberian?) wastes of the slow movement aptly struck a chill in the heart. Certainly Bychkov offered not a nature picture, but a vision of spiritual bleakness.

Nor was there any respite in the finale. We knew from the curtness of the accented chords in the opening pages that this was to be a representation of "false rejoicing". And so it continued, right to the final bars. No relaxation into a triumphal coda here: simply the brutal reiterations of oppressive violence.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Marvellous Ma

LSO / Davis
Barbican

YO-YO MA's whirling "Spectrum" of activity at the Barbican paused for a moment on Friday to pay tribute to one of his teachers, Leon Kirchner, himself a pianist, composer and conductor. It was in the latter two roles that Kirchner appeared, sitting at the podium to conduct the British premiere of his *Music for Cello and Orchestra*, written for Ma.

The 23-minute piece is significantly, and advisedly, *not* called a concerto: the relationship of the soloist to the orchestra — and, indeed, the cello's own music — is the least interesting aspect of the work. Instead, this single movement of post-Expressionist rhapsody is a work of total co-operation and dense (sometimes too dense) motivic and emotional unity. Kirchner's great mentor Schoenberg is in evidence and, behind him, Mahler. A Bach-like chorale shines out after a short, cadenza-like passage for cello, and a Hollywood sunburst of a climax as the tom-tom player runs from one end of his set of drums to the other.

Music for Cello and Orchestra is an honest, big-hearted tribute both to Kirchner's own compositional mentors and to Ma's generous musicianship. It was received as warmly as it was played.

The true voice and full capabilities of the cello remained dormant until Ma's revelatory performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto. This was clearly one of the great high-expectation points in Ma's little festival; and nobody could have felt let down. With Sir Colin Davis coaxing the London Symphony Orchestra into minutely sensitive accompanying, Ma disclosed the most private, inner whispering as well as the whimsy and fitful audacities of the work.

The evening's great bonus, though, and perhaps its greatest beauty, was a further LSO performance, in the presence of the composer, of Tippett's latest work, *The Rose Lake*. This "song without words for orchestra" evoked even more tellingly than before Tippett's deep and unsettling responses to the sight of the midday sun turning a small lake in Senegal "a marvellous transluscent pink". With its oscillation of radiant instrumental light and deep resonant shadow, it seems to live suspended, like the lake itself, between sky and earth.

HILARY FINCH

Gripping Irish Handel

OPERA

Tamerlano
St Clement Dane

Increasing in intensity: the Opera Theatre Company of Dublin in *Tamerlano* at the Covent Garden Festival

The Opera Theatre Company of Dublin's sprightly production of *Flavio* was a highlight of last year's BOC Covent Garden Festival, and it was invited back to launch this year's operatic proceedings with what was billed as "a semi-staging" of a very different Handel opera: the sombre, heroic *Tamerlano*. At first it seemed that the staging was going to be "semi" to a positively detached extent: the singers sat still as mice facing the audience, unflatteringly lit, and delivered arias straight ahead over two empty music stands. Operatic Beckett?

But OTC's prime mover, James Conway, who both produced and translated the libretto, had surprises up his sleeve. By the end of Act I, one singer had turned his head momentarily to listen to another; then the tyrant Tamberlane actually crossed the tiny acting area — shock! horror! — to propose marriage to Asteria, and her father Bajazet stirred, in reaction.

At the end of the act her suitor, Andronico, very deliberately moved a music stand and proceeded to sing from the pulpit, where he chanced upon a costume: Brecht's culinary opera seemed only just round the corner. And so it was: by Act III the cast were elaborately costumed and heaving at each other with curved swords, yards of chains and even the odd meathook in lurid red light.

Jolly clever, though whether the staging matched the rising intensity of the action is a matter for argument; it's pretty intense right from the start. No matter: it gripped the attention and in no way compromised a very fine musical performance. Séamus Crimmins is a conductor whose tempos feel infallibly right, whose application of expression is perfectly judged. His band played beautifully, and the decoration of da capo repeats was always convincing.

The singing was truly festive. Jonathan Peter Kelly, one of the most intensely musical of today's counter-tenors, sang Andronico's pulpit aria and all else with sculpted perfection of phrase. Mark Padmore started quietly as Bajazet, Handel's greatest role for tenor, but his account of *A suoi piedi* was duly soul-searing and he handled the long death scene with pitiless truth.

Asteria is often presented as a stoic, passive heroine, but she does plan two assassination attempts, and both the edge to Louise Walsh's tone and her forthright delivery gave the character added impact. Alison Browner managed the castrato title role with marvellous technical ease, and Lynda Lee's firm, long-breathed singing as Irene was a constant delight. I trust OTC will be invited back next year.

RODNEY MILNES

LONDON FRINGE THEATRE: Evil revisited; suburban mistake

Too tight for comfort

Star-Gazy Pie and Sauerkraut
Theatre Upstairs

BACK home after James Stock's dense, intense play, I looked up my review of the one he wrote in 1991, *The Shaming of Bright Millar*, which explores the same territory with many of the same characters, to see if it might help me through the thornier areas of *Star-Gazy*.

Here again is the Cornish setting where the German film actress, her daughter and granddaughter are variously troubled by memories and visions of the past. Bright Millar, Nelson's cabin-boy crazed by syphilis, appears in both plays, as does Adolf Hitler.

Although the weirdly impinging stories are intriguing, and acted with fierce conviction in Mark Wing-Davey's production, I am only slightly nearer understanding the play second time round. The actress (Bridget Turner, mouth stretched into a grim grin) once played a woman crippled by multiple sclerosis in a Nazi film intended to educate people to accept euthanasia. Fifty years on, she is herself crippled and her other daughter comes over from California to help her to die.

This daughter evidently favours mercy-killing, blandly declaring that four out of every five human beings need not be kept alive. Is the readiness to kill the sick and defenceless an inherited characteristic? Will the granddaughter escape the family pattern through her identification with Bright, cruelly used as a guinea-pig by an obsessed surgeon?

The notion that acquired characteristics can be passed down the generations enables Stock to tie the strands of his play together. But the tightness is fanciful, contrived, and gets in the way of his outrage at the wickedness of fanatics.

Setting aside these shortcomings, though, individual scenes glitter with imaginative ideas and dialogue, and a cunning postponement of key facts tightens suspense.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Lives of noisy desperation

Secrets of the City
BAC, Battersea

TALKING PICTURES, the international Lecoq-trained troupe, has quite a cult following. Its policy of bringing in directors surely contributes (previous big names include Stephen Daldry), but Gabriel Gawin has done little to sharpen up the impro-created sketches tacked together here.

This three-hander is a little like a weakly comic *Short Cuts* with no shape. We see flashes of urban lives, their paths crossing occasionally. Interaction escalates into violence and average citizens expose dark secrets and lunacy. A man (Jon Potter) stands wearing a placard that reads "Please Talk To Me", then maintains silence as a cheery chap (amusing Ezra Hjalmarsson), stopping to exchange a charitable word, turns to soap-box ranting. Next a lovey-dovey couple give each other pecks on the cheek until it seems like a battle. Back in the street, a ragged woman (Simona Levi) offers passers-by a look at her husband's corpse for £20. In the most inventive scene, a wobbly-bellied trucker and a mini-skirted hitch-hiker are seen from the waist down, jiggling absurdly as he drives along, brushing her knee as he whacks up the volume on the radio, only to end up with a punch on the jaw.

Meanwhile, the lovey-dovey man gags his girlfriend and gets a priest to bind them in wedlock against her will. This new-husband and the trucker then bump into the woman with the body in the shower and decide to market the sight to tourists.

The audience seemed to find all this enormously droll. The truth is that the script is thin fare. The ingredients seem loosely repetitive and the twists are unconvincing. Gawin is good on gore, but leaves multiple rough edges.

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OVERTURES

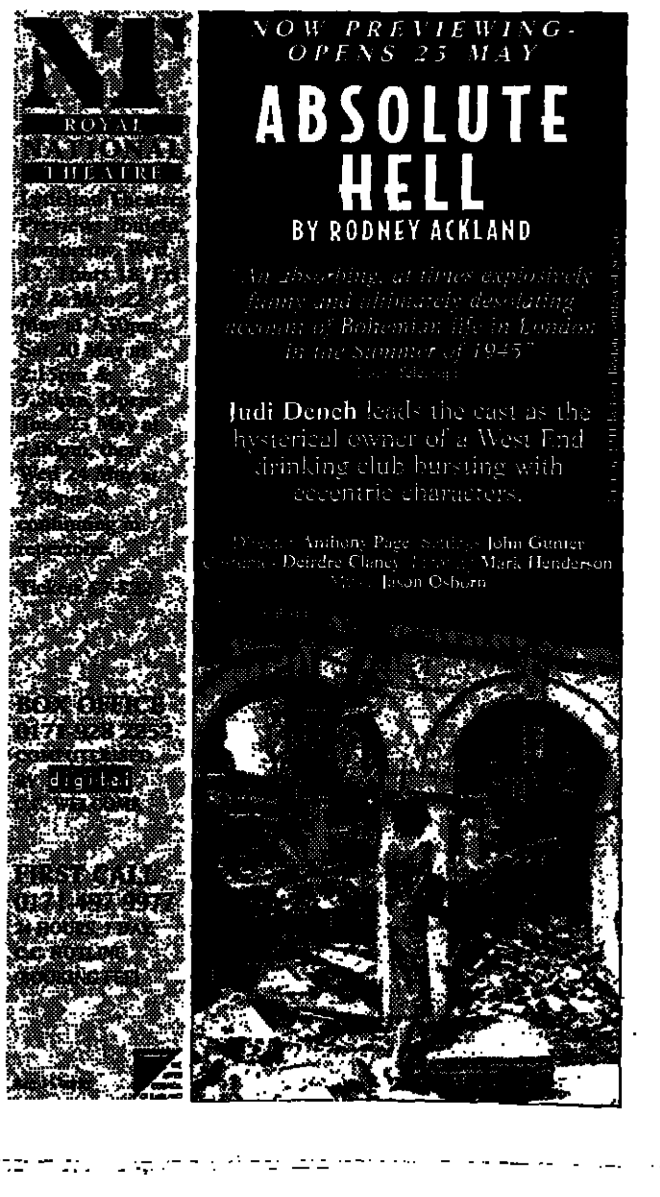
WHILE London awaits the autumn premiere of **Stephen Sondheim**'s Tony Award-winning musical *Passion*, word comes from America of the prolific composer's forthcoming projects. In September, he opens his first non-musical play, *Getting Away With Murder*, co-written with his collaborator on *Company*, George Furth. The premiere will be in San Diego. A comedy-thriller, the play has been described as Sondheim's answer to *Rope*, the Patrick Hamilton warhorse that was revived in the West End last year.

Meanwhile, Sondheim's next musical is scheduled for autumn 1996. Co-written with John Weidman (with whom he wrote *Assassins*), the show has been commissioned to mark the 25th anniversary of the Kennedy Centre, Washington DC.

● AFTER the novel, the film and the RSC musical comes a danced version of Anthony Burgess's **A Clockwork Orange**. Northern Stage will perform the futuristic shocker at the Newcastle Playhouse from Saturday, using choreography by Mark Murphy of the innovative dance group V-TOL.

● AMONG the judges for pop's "Booker", the **Mercury Music Prize**, is *The Times*'s rock critic, David Sinclair. The shortlist, announced on July 25, is expected to include new albums from the likes of Oasis, Portishead and Suede. The winner is announced on September 12.

● For the first time, **Radios 1, 2 and 3** will simultaneously broadcast the same event. On May 29, Bank Holiday Monday, as part of the BBC Music Live '95 event in Birmingham, all three networks will be descending on a late-night concert by Jools Holland, John Dankworth and the Michael Nyman Band.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New light on a slick trick

BEFORE destiny beckoned, Margaret Thatcher was a chemist. Her sole contribution to scientific literature was a paper on Langmuir-Blodgett films, a topic that, by and large, has failed to hit the headlines. But times may be changing. These films of organic materials, just a few molecules thick, are beginning to generate excitement outside the chemistry labs.

One of the most intriguing is a material which its American inventors call "nanotape" — a version of Sellotape, if you like, but on a molecular scale. This could be used, they suggest, for repairing damaged blood vessels, lubricating disk drives on computers, or binding composite materials.

Elsewhere, Langmuir-Blodgett enthusiasts at the Japanese company Canon have devised a computer memory which could store staggering amounts of data.

The field is not as esoteric as it sounds. Anybody who washes up uses chemicals that form Langmuir-Blodgett films. They are amphiphiles — molecules in which one end is attracted to water molecules, and the other to oil. Molecules from greasy plates attach to the amphiphiles and then dissolve in water, a neat trick.

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

The American chemist Irving Langmuir, working with Katherine Blodgett, discovered 80 years ago that such molecules will form very thin layers on the surface of water. If you dip a sheet of glass into the water, the film can be transferred to the glass. Successive dips deposit further layers, one by one.

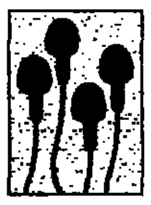
Last month, Dr Samuel Stupp, of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, reported a way of making thicker, more robust layers. His groups use molecules with a phenol group at one end and a hydrocarbon chain at the other, linked by isoprene. Dissolved in a solvent, the molecules are poured on to a surface, and when the solvent dissolves they form a Langmuir-Blodgett film up to 150 molecules thick. Dr Stupp told *New Scientist* that such films could be used to line artificial blood vessels made of plastic. One side of the film would stick to the plastic, the other allow the blood to flow freely by. More prosaic, perhaps, would be to use the film to surface computer hard disks: thin enough so that the reading head could get close enough to read the information, resilient enough to stop the head damaging the disk when it stops.

But what if a film could conduct electricity? Michael Bryce and Michael Petty, of the University of Durham, described such films in an issue of *Nature*. They use materials called organic charge-transfer salts, which conduct electricity like metals and which can be incorporated into films.

They have made transistors using such films, although they do not expect them to rival silicon devices. In principle, arrays of layers of slightly different electrical properties can be envisaged to make possible new kinds of devices at a molecular levels.

Canon has created films that can store data at the rate of a billion billion bits — let's say, 4,000 copies of *Encyclopaedia Britannica* — per square centimetre. But so far there isn't an easy way of reading or writing the information on to the films. Given that, these memories could outpace anything on the market.

Record sperm



THE LONGEST sperm in the animal kingdom belongs to a species of fruit fly. The tiny flies produce sperm more than two inches long, which makes them 10,000 times longer than human sperm.

Three American biologists have reported this bizarre entry for *The Guinness Book of Records* in a letter to *Nature*. They have absolutely no idea why *Drosophila bifurca* has such immensely long sperm which, when stretched to their full length are 20 times longer than the flies that produce them.

On the face of it, producing such lengthy sperm offers no advantage to the flies, and contradicts the established view that males of all species gain most by producing large numbers of small sperm and spreading them liberally among receptive females.

Some scientists have suggested that long sperm may confer advantages in the race to fertilise females, but Dr Scott Pitnick from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and his colleagues doubt it. The number of progeny per copulation falls off with increasing sperm length.

It takes the flies ages to produce them, too. Females of *D bifurca* become sexually mature in less than half the time it takes males. Whichever way you look at it, the flies seem to be on a hiding to nothing.

"Further studies are required to resolve this enigma," the scientists remark sagely.

Science spots

A NEW GUIDE to scientific sites of Britain, from Piltdown to Jodrell Bank, has just been published. Its authors, Charles Tanford and Jacqueline Reynolds, are retired professors from Duke University in North Carolina who have settled in North Yorkshire.

In a glove-compartment-sized volume they list more than 200 places in the British Isles which can claim some historic link to science. Many of these will be pretty familiar, but others the casual traveller might easily pass by.

Nottingham, for example, boasts Green's Mill, where flour was once ground by the miller George Green (1793-1841), a self-taught mathematician. At 40, Green upped and went to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he became a Fellow.

The authors take a somewhat sniffy view of some of the gimmicks museums feel driven to employ these days. The Museum of Science and Engineering at Newcastle, for example, has "a gaudy science section with flashing lights and little intellectual content". They find the actors who wander the Science Museum in London pretending to be prominent scientists of the past equally displeasing.

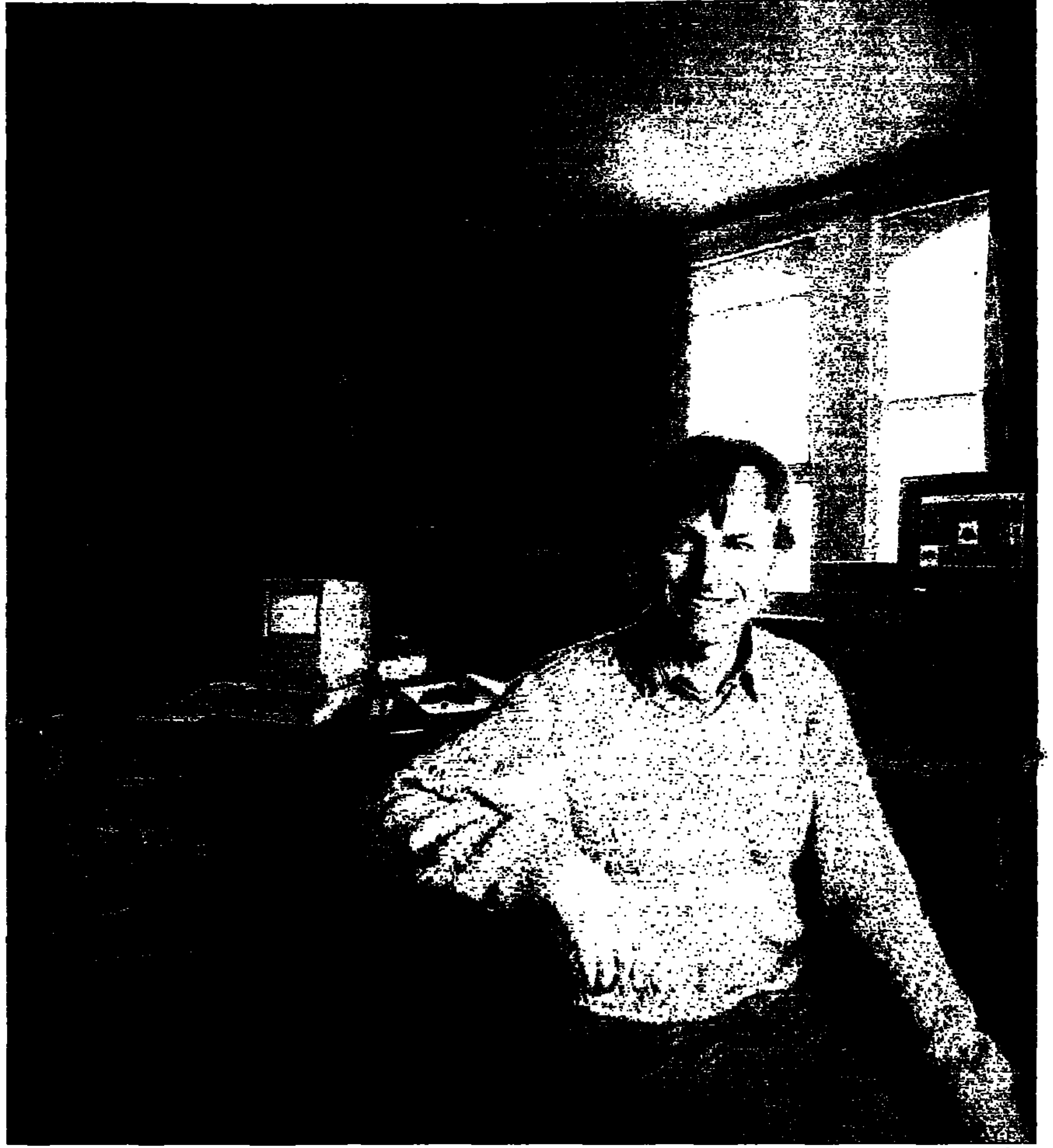
But if the birthplace of Captain Cook or the village that gave us William of Occam take your fancy, this book is a must.

A Travel Guide to the Scientific Sites of the British Isles is published by John Wiley at £12.99.

Matt Ridley on the work of Richard Dawkins

A biologist whom people love to hate

He may call religious faith a virus *but there is much more to this* original thinker than his atheism



STEPHEN HYDE

Richard Dawkins at home: *to the fury of his friends and allies he has never been elected to the Royal Society elite*

"Personally, I would consider it an honour to be fossilised." Richard Dawkins once wrote. Since he is probably second only to Stephen Hawking as a scientist whose books sell, he need not fear obscurity for his name, whatever happens to his body when he is gone.

Immortality looms large in the work of the 53-year-old Oxford biologist. For him, information whether written in DNA, English or WordPerfect — is an immortal thing, flowing like a river through a series of disposable bodies, minds or microchips. The vehicles may decay, but some of the messages they carry will be passed on with subtle alterations until the end of all life on Earth. His latest book *River out of Eden* is a treatise on this kind of immortality.

There is much more to Richard Dawkins than the atheism for which he is notorious — so much so that he says he has begun to find it burdensome being typecast as, for instance, the BBC's token heathen. When he appeared on *Desert Island Discs* earlier this year, Sue Lawley spent virtually all the programme trying to get him to admit there was something in Christianity, leaving listeners largely in the dark about his life story and scientific ideas.

Yet perhaps he has only himself to blame. Calling faith a virus that infects the brains of otherwise sensible people may no longer be cause for immediate immolation, but it still drives most people apoplectic. He even has the cheek to use the Bible freely to make his points. He illustrates the concept of mutation by comparison with the translation errors in the Song of Solomon, while the title of his new book is taken from Genesis 2:10: "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden."

There is nothing personal in this. Despite much prodding he insists he never had a bad experience with religion being thrust down his throat at school. To Dawkins, God is simply a rival hypothesis that he thinks is wrong. The biological world, as opposed to the physical one, reeks of purpose: Eyes are designed to see, mayflies to reproduce, genes to store and copy information. Why? God provides one answer, natural selection another, and in Dawkins's view, a more successful and interesting one.

Richard Dawkins was born in Kenya, where his father worked before inheriting the family estate in Oxfordshire. His gifts, however, seem to be inherited from his uncle Colyear, a much admired statistician and botanist and whom he followed into the life of an Oxford don. He has been a Fellow of New College since the 1970s, after a brief period at Berkeley, California.

Since his early success with *The Selfish Gene*, Dawkins's skill with the pen has sometimes overshadowed his talent for original discovery. His contributions to biology include inventing or transforming such concepts as the selfish gene and its mental equivalent the "meme" — he coined the word. It refers to any piece of information that propagates itself, that is, any influential idea whether Christianity, or the fashion for wearing baseball caps backwards.

Dawkins's own favourite concept is the "extended phenotype", also the title of his second and least popular book. This expresses the idea that a beaver's dam or a bird's nest is just as much a product of its genes as the animal itself. Even the slavering of a rabid dog can be said to serve the genes of the rabies virus by making it easier to pass on.

> 'Almost everyone is jealous of his popular success'

This notion that the influence of genes is not limited to the bodies they find themselves in has led Dawkins to pose a surprising question: why do genes team up to make individual bodies at all? The organism itself needs explaining, he believes, even more than the grouping of organisms into species did. Answering this has since told a richly intriguing tale of genetic conflict and social contracts.

This is not a conventional sort of science. It is more like philosophy. Dawkins readily agrees. Philosophers appreciate him in a way that scientists do not; their journals reverberate to debates about survival machines and memes these days. Daniel Dennett, the encyclopaedic American philosopher who tackles Darwinism in a new book, acknowledges a great debt to Dawkins even as he dismisses many other biologists.

Scientists are much more suspicious. To the fury of his friends and allies, Dawkins has never been elected to the Royal Society, though he professes surprise at the suggestion that he should have been. He certainly has plenty of enemies. Religious people hate his atheism. Marxists hate the idea that our fate is determined by our genetic inheritance. Almost everybody is jealous of his popular success. He subscribes to Einstein's dictum that you should make things as simple as possible, but not more so. "I am not arrogant," he once told a friend, "I merely get impatient with people who don't have the same humility in front of the facts." He is, the friend adds, cleverer than he is wise to say such things.

Yet the most likely reason he has been omitted from the Royal Society is that he is just too much of a philosopher, too little of a technician. The Royal Society is above all an elite of experimentalists. He trained under the great Dutch ethologist, Niko Tinbergen, but he admits he is far happier in front of a word processor than a laboratory bench.

He was, however, an early expert at computer programming, already giving classes in Basic when I was an undergraduate in the late 1970s. He used this skill to try to simulate natural selection by programming computers to mutate shapes randomly; he then selectively "bred" from the ones he liked, thus building up a menagerie of strange creatures that he called biomorphs.

It was a powerful demonstration that random change and selection were all you needed to generate complex biological design; and that natural selection is a part of any system of competitive information transmission.

It would also prove a test-bed for evolutionary theories: inside a computer thousands of generations could be completed in a few minutes, whereas in the wild they would take many years. When Christopher Langton of the Santa Fe Institute set out to christen such work "artificial life" in 1987, Dawkins was among the first people he turned to.

River out of Eden is illustrated by his third wife, the artist and actress Lalla Ward, whom he married in 1992. Friends say it is a perfect match — she reads voraciously in natural history and even shares his distaste for religion.

The discovery of the genetic code, he writes, revealed that "there is no spirit-driven life force, no throbbing, heavy, pullulating, protoplasmic, mystic jelly. Life is just bytes and bytes of digital information."

To most people that would be a complaint against science — that it has robbed the mystery of vitalism. To Dawkins it is a triumphant compliment. Imagine the excitement, he implies, of living in the single generation that has discovered that all the secrets of life are written down in decipherable code.

● River out of Eden *by Richard Dawkins is published this week by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.99*

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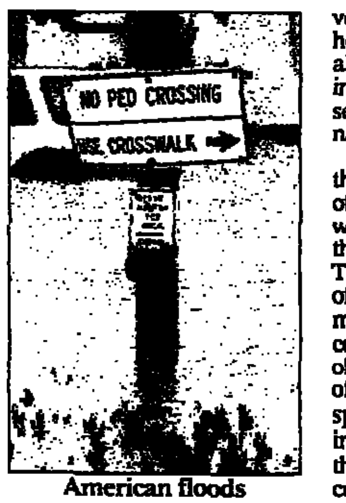
When the wind becomes a tornado

William Burroughs on how radar can predict the intensity of storms

Every year, the United States is hit by about 10,000 violent thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and nearly 1,000 tornados. The storms and floods that hit north Texas and in New Orleans last week are typical. It is no wonder that the US National Weather Service has invested $1 billion in a new radar system to give earlier and more reliable warnings.

Known as the Next Generation Radar (Nexrad), it has replaced a system dating from the 1950s. This new equipment measures how far off a storm is, in traditional fashion, by recording the time for a radar signal to make a round trip to the storm, and estimates the amount of rain or hail in the storm by measuring the reflected signal.



American floods

In addition the more powerful system enables meteorologists to use sharper pulses of radiation to divide a storm up into two to six times as many elements. This enables them to identify more accurately where regions of exceptionally heavy rainfall and damaging hail are forming.

A more exciting feature is that, by calculating frequency shifts in the reflected signals, the system can measure the velocity of the droplets and hence wind speeds. This enables forecasters to peer deep into the heart of storms and see when they are turning nasty.

Of greatest importance is the ability to see any evidence of circulation in the wind field which may be the first sign of the formation of a tornado. The warning signs are winds of more than 55 mph and hail measuring more than two centimetres in diameter. The old system missed nearly half of the severe storms which spawned tornados or damaging hail. Nexrad has reduced that failure rate to 10 per cent, cut false alarms to less than half of the previous figure, doubled the warning time to 15 minutes, and provided much better estimates of torrential rainfall and the risk of flash floods.

In the Britain, such events are rare, but the Meteorological Office routinely issues warnings of severe weather, frequent thunderstorms and heavy rain during the summer.

Over the last 20 years the Met Office radar systems have also developed a variety of other short-range forecasting services, including the automatic integration of the radar data into the six-hourly detailed precipitation forecasts. So while severe storms will continue to wreak havoc, with the improved radar systems we should be better prepared.

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Silence, bingo in progress

A night out in London's East End can be as tough as the Cambridge finals

ANDRE CAMARA

Woe betide anyone who interrupts the concentration of bingo players in Stratford, east London, playing the twice-weekly Gala national jackpot

The first thing you notice is the silence. Under the artificial lights of the Gala Social Club in Stratford, east London, 1,800 people are hunched, eyes down, in noiseless concentration. You feel *like an invigilator in an A-level* hall as your feet thud on the deep-pile carpet, against the thud-thud rhythm of marker pens stabbing at cards.

This is the Big One, the £75,000 national jackpot which is played twice weekly in Gala Clubs across the land. The punters puff furiously on their Bensons, the caller intones: "three and seven, 37". Suddenly there is a roar of "House!" The room erupts in outraged disappointment. "I was only two numbers out," we all harrumph.

In fact, the lucky winner goes home with only a few hundred quid; someone at another club hit the jackpot faster. "I once saw a man win the national game," says Gary, of the Bingo Association of Great Britain. "He stood up to shout, but he was so nervous, nothing came out. By the time he found his voice someone had beaten him to it."

Make no mistake. Bingo is not a game for the timid, the weak, or those who have imbibed more than two pints of lager. Studies have shown that pensioners playing bingo reach the same concentration levels as Cambridge students sitting exams.

The pace is unforgiving, and I, after a foolhardy bottle of Becks, am struggling to keep up. Drift into reverie and you will spend the rest of the game struggling to catch up. Come close to winning and you go into a cold sweat at the prospect of leaping up in front of the entire East End and bellowing "House!". Perhaps I don't really want £75,000. One of the Kray twins' old associates might be behind me and they might feel cheated.

Woe betide the caller who stumbles; the man in the kitchen who drops a tray or *The Times* photographer whose phone goes off in the middle of a game, causing a ripple of indignation. "They'll be waiting for him afterwards," says Gary, and he is not entirely joking.

If your idea of gambling is a fat cigar, green baize and city lights reflected in the bay at Monte Carlo, then bingo may not be for you. But if the sight of Anthea Turner announcing lottery numbers makes your heart thump, then this could be the game you need. The odds are better than a lottery, there are occasional national prizes of £250,000 *and if you find it initially* confusing, rest assured there will always be a chain-smoking old hand available, to tell you, between gulps on her Rothman, whether you should be playing the green, blue or purple page and if you need to cross off one line or two, or get a full house.

'Hard to imagine a sheikh here'

Julia Llewellyn Smith

By the break I am high on excitement and cross-eyed from exhaustion, and while the experts play a few hands of party bingo (Linford Christie on amphetamines) Gerry, the club's manager, grabs the opportunity to clear up some misconceptions about the game. "People are so out of touch," he tells me: "Bingo these days is nothing to do with old ladies in curlers with fags hanging out of the corners of their mouths [illegible]"

Given that we are surrounded by a thousand elderly women, faces creased in concentration, all puffing like steam engines on their Bensons, I can only think that Gerry would make an excellent spokesman for tax collectors or traffic wardens.

But the statistics cannot lie; nearly three million people play bingo regularly in the UK, of whom 83 per cent are women, and their average age is 53. Faced with the threat of the lottery ("We've been affected a bit, hasn't everyone?") the Bingo Association is desperate to stop the rot.

"Showaddywaddy played recently and so did Boney M," says Tara, also of the association. She keeps a commendably straight face.

It's hard to imagine a Saudi oil sheikh settling himself at one of Stratford's tables. He could hardly win and lose millions, since entrance is £1 and the whole evening, including modest refreshment, costs no more than a tenner.

But no one can say that Gala isn't trying. Gone are the shabby cinema halls, the ping-pong balls and (to my disappointment) the cries of "Two Fat Ladies" and "Major's Den: Number 10". All this I discover is considered very 1950s seaside. This Gala is purpose-built to the tune of £4 million, has Formica tables, a vivid carpet and immaculate loos ("No one uses them in case they miss the start of a game"). Numbers are randomly generated by a computer and a vast screen flashes up messages along the lines of "Happy Birthday to Bertha from all your Friends".

There are two bars, a canteen with excellent chips and a barrage of fruit machines. Uniformed staff parade with trays full of change to supply punters waving bank notes in the air.

"We go once a week to have a laugh," say Doreen and Ivy, both laden with an assortment of Ratner's finest gold chains and in identical fuchsia T-shirts. Moments later, with the floor now awash with discarded cards, Doreen wins £450. She pockets it, lights another ciggie and carries on — showing about as much emotion as a sentry outside Buckingham Palace. If she was having as much fun as I, she was too much of a pro to waste vital energy on a show of excitement. I'll get the hang of it eventually and, just like the lottery, I know that next time I'll win.

When a girl reaches for her knife

If non-aggression can be taught, give the boys a lesson, too

LIBBY PURVES

"I needed money," says the girl. Even over the radio, you can hear her pout. "So we went out, dressed all in black with a little knife. I dunno who we thought we were."

Modern bogeywomen, that's who: single mothers out a-mugging. They will have to update *Oliver!*, now that Nancy no longer relies on Bill Sikes to do the rough stuff. In the aftermath of the stabbing of a Cardiff security guard by a teenage girl, the Elizabeth Hurley mugging and other high-profile cases, Radio 5 has produced a documentary, *Lady be Good*. It found a procession of banal, deadpan women: no Lady Macbeth cries of "Unsex me here!", no hesitation or inhibition; just a misreading of feminism. The mugger's outrage only surfaces when her boyfriend grumbles at "the mother of his kid" having a record. Unfair, that.

Likewise the one with the screwdriver. "Unfortunately," she says blandly, "I hit someone and it penetrated her eyeball." She then relates how she punched a man in the mouth in a car-park. "If I'd been a man, who would have caused a fuss about that? No one." A Geordie who pushed a glass into another girl's face says proudly: "Where I come from, women stand up for themselves."

Only the police are sexist beasts: "When they came out to my ex-boyfriend when he'd hit me, they were all sympathetic, calming him down. When I hit him over the head, it was all 'look at what you've done'." This seems to her massively unfair.

Violent crime is a serious matter, and tonight's documentary is sober enough. But there is black humour in this talk of double standards. One feminist academic claims that women are inherently as aggressive as men, only they are victims of a "social construct" labelling them as carers and lifegivers. Cut the chains, and out come the knives. Another says young girls are inhibited by "social control", whereas it is "culturally acceptable for men to be violent".

You might, considering that 44,500 men were found guilty of violent crimes last year, conclude that once we catch them the cultural acceptance stops. You might reflect that only 4,000 women had parallel convictions, so female violence remains a small issue; probably, as the programme concludes, just a symptom of the growing disorder of society. You may or may not agree that women are by nature as rough as men. But the important thing is to remark that if girls *have* been inhibited, the result has been splendid: it stops us stabbing people in the eye with screwdrivers. Everyone needs social control and social constructs. Give us more!

Only give the boys a dose, too. Whatever we do to girls which keeps them harmless, boys need some. Lay on the inhibitions with a lavish hand: let it be clear from babyhood that nobody, anywhere, ever, under any provocation, gets away with violence. That costs money in policing, in containment, in therapies: but it would help most women a lot more than indulging PC worries on behalf of the minority who decide to say it with broken bottles.

Doctor Deity in the dock

Ben Macintyre on the downfall of a renowned transplant surgeon

HE is the O.J. Simpson of the American medical establishment: a figure of almost mythical celebrity and adoration whose sudden fall from grace could hardly have been more shocking, or more complete. His awed patients speak of John Sarkis Najarian as a semi-deity, a surgeon who over three decades has performed hundreds of successful organ transplants no other doctor would attempt, and whose research in the field has saved the lives of thousands more. He is, one medical ethicist said, "a giant of 20th-century medicine".

Later this year, Dr Najarian, 67, will stand trial in Minneapolis on charges including embezzlement, fraud, theft, tax-evasion, plotting to deceive the US Food and Drug Administration and failing to report the deaths of nine patients who allegedly died in reaction to an experimental and highly profitable drug of his own creation. If convicted, the doctor faces a maximum sentence of 81 years in prison and fines of up to $3.5 million.

Dr Najarian's life reads like an all-American fairy-tale: the son of poor Armenian immigrants, the burly 6ft 4in athlete won a football scholarship to the University of California at Berkeley; recruited as a linebacker by the Chicago Bears, he opted instead to continue his medical work in California.

At the age of 39, already renowned in medical circles, he was appointed chairman of surgery at the University of Minnesota, where his surgical flair and taste for risk-taking soon earned him a reputation as a miracle worker. In 1970 Dr Najarian and his team performed the youngest transplant on a six-week-old baby, and then a similar operation on a 62-year-old woman. "I think we have shown that almost no one is too old or too young for a kidney transplant," he boasted.

Other triumphs followed in rapid succession: organ transplants for diabetics, the youngest heart transplant, the first father-to-baby transplant, the first cell transplant. The headlines, the money and the accolades multiplied, and Dr Najarian plainly relished them all.

The Royal College of Surgeons awarded him an honorary fellowship. The International Transplantation Society appointed him president. He bought the Minneapolis franchise of a fast food restaurant.

But the most important breakthrough, and one which perhaps laid the seeds of his own destruction, came when Dr Najarian addressed himself to the problem at the heart of all transplant surgery: how to prevent the body's natural immune system from rejecting an alien organ. His answer was a refined mixture of antibodies christened Minnesota ALG, short for antilymphocyte globulin.

John Najarian: faces more than 80 years in jail

In 1970 Dr Najarian obtained permission from the FDA to produce the drug compound, but only on an experimental basis. Over the next 22 years it was used, with astonishing results, in more than 55,000 transplant operations across the world. ALG saved thousands of lives, and earned millions of dollars: 80 million.

Prosecutors now say that Dr Najarian, along with a former colleague and co-defendant, Richard Condie, concealed the vast profits they made from the drug. More worrying yet, they allegedly failed to tell the FDA of "at least nine fatal reactions to ALG" and did not recall one batch of the drug suspected of causing adverse reactions. Investigators even produced documents suggesting that Dr Najarian had fiddled his expenses.

The surgeon has denied all the charges, and insists he is looking forward to clearing his once-glittering name when the criminal trial gets under way.

INITIALLY supportive of its brightest star, Minnesota University quickly reconsidered its position as the charges snowballed: a faculty panel declared him guilty of professional misconduct and Dr Najarian was stripped of his title as chairman, his endowed chair and his professorship. He still performs several transplant operations every week, but now as a private doctor.

Meanwhile, a highly emotive ethical debate rages around him. Petitions have been collected and marches organised in his support. Some insist the great doctor is being made a scapegoat by a vengeful bureaucracy, others claim the commercial drug companies, angered by Dr Najarian's success, are behind the prosecution.

"To save the life of children, Najarian may have broken federal regulations. So much the worse for federal regulations," one enraged supporter wrote in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

But perhaps the most telling testimony comes from those whose lives, or whose children, have been saved by the surgeon. Many have asked to testify on his behalf at his trial.

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Matthew Parris

■ The reasons for opposing identity cards are emotional rather than logical, but no less strong for that

The very thought of compulsory identity cards is hateful to me, but every time I get into an argument about it, I lose.

We could hardly resist a voluntary scheme. By degrees it would become compulsory. The card would become well-nigh indispensable for all kinds of ordinary transactions; we would get used to it; then a terrorist scare or one of the initiatives beloved of political airheads keen to show they are doing something — a "drugs clean-up", "dole cheat crackdown" or "blitz" on illegal immigrants — would occur. We would agree to carry the card for the duration of the emergency. The emergency would fade. The card would stay.

There has been a lively correspondence about ID cards on *The Times* Letters page. The practical objection raised by doubters can probably be answered by careful legislation, sensitive enforcement and the use of magnetic strip technology. The most attractive objection in principle — that we are the masters, not the creatures, of the State — is hardly sustainable. In a democracy, the majority must have power to coerce and the State is its instrument. As to the protest that a citizen should not be obliged to declare himself *to* authority unless he wants something *from* authority, that pass was sold with the emergence of the welfare state. We all want things from the State these days.

> Whatever we may say, we in Britain rightly fear the power of too efficient a State

What about the argument that we should not be obliged to show a card without good reason? There is no need for proponents of the scheme to breach that principle. They would say that the good reason is inherent in the needs of regulating a mobile mass society.

Time and again, variations on phrases like "what would the law-abiding citizen have to fear?" or "I have nothing to hide" recur. There is no doubt that such cries will lead the campaign for an ID-card scheme. Phrased shrewdly along these lines, an appeal by its proponents to public opinion will give the desired result: the majority will say it is in favour.

But I have a warning for the Conservative Party, and Tories should recognise its force, because it has rescued them before. The English public is notorious for telling pollsters what it believes it ought to think, and then, *in the secrecy of the polling booth,* conveying quite a different message.

Few admit to wanting to flout authority. They are not going to tell their MPs or a pollster or the Editor of *The Times* that they are uneasy about ID cards because they have something to hide, or because they break the law, or because they like the idea of being able to. Many will shrink from admitting this even to themselves. Few will articulate the comfort to be found in knowing that we can all break the law a bit, if we want to. It offers a psychological security which I suspect is more important than we realise.

It would have been much easier to make the poll tax stick, if an ID scheme had been in force. Widespread flouting of unpopular regulations is an ancient and important signal that authority is chafing. I suspect that the small area of headroom that we sense we have, as potential lawbreakers, matters more than we admit. Measures which promise to increase the State's efficiency may generate a resentment which, unable to find an argument, goes unheard at first.

Fear of State efficiency is no less real for lurking undeclared in our breast. This is dangerous territory for MPs and psephologists, for it can cause some to say they want something and then display a strange ingratitude to the politician who provides it, and others to offer pseudo-objections, leading the politician to believe that answering the objections will solve the problems.

Whether or not a national identity card scheme can in practice achieve what in theory it promises is questionable. What in theory it promises is simple and awesome. Without altering by one jot the theoretical powers of the State it could vastly increase the State's effective power, simplifying access to information that is already knowable, but which, being held by diverse agencies in diverse places, is cumbersome to retrieve. The technical means to do this exists already. Establishing a unique mark or number for each citizen and a right of access to this by officers of the State would greatly facilitate its adoption.

So my argument against the scheme must be honestly framed. I believe that important among the weapons that individuals possess against the encroachment on their liberties is the inefficiency of the State. For most of mankind, State oppression has been more reliably tempered by muddle than by bills of right. An effective ID scheme threatens to reduce the muddle. *That is why I am against it.* I declare a little-trumpeted but deeply-felt right: the right of an Englishman to stay one jump ahead of the law, within reason, sometimes, and if he must. It is part of the natural balance. I will not vote for anyone who threatens to disturb it.

Economies of the next generation must radically reduce spending, but politicians have yet to catch up

Where is the party of the future?

William Rees-Mogg

In the decisive election of 1983, the Labour Party under Michael Foot was still floundering in the treacherous waters of the 1960s, while the Conservatives under Margaret Thatcher were dealing with the problems of the 1980s. That left a gap as wide as the Atlantic Ocean between the contemporary relevance of the two parties and, not surprisingly, produced a Conservative majority of 189. That majority has declined in the subsequent elections of 1987 and 1992; unless the trend is reversed it will disappear in 1996 or 1997.

The improvement in the Labour position has been the result of modernisation, of "new Labour", as Tony Blair always calls it. New Labour really is much more contemporary than old Labour. Old Labour was indeed a party of the 1960s, or even of some earlier period; new Labour has accepted almost all of the necessary reforms of the Thatcher period, including privatisation, tax reductions, the free market and trade union reform. It is, therefore, almost an up-to-date party for the 1980s.

The Conservatives in the meanwhile have been reluctant to take the plunge into the much colder waters of the 1990s. Apart from the Prime Minister, whose position needs to be looked at separately, the most senior figures are just as much 1980s men as Tony Blair himself. Kenneth Clarke is rather a good conventional Chancellor, but altogether belongs to the last decade. Douglas Hurd is a 1980s Foreign Secretary, almost as much so as Geoffrey Howe used to be when the 1980s were actually happening. As the Treasury and Foreign Office are the key citidals of power, this is still much more a 1980s than a 1990s administration.

If, at the time of the next general election, both parties are still running about 10 years behind the clock, the Labour Party will almost automatically win. Tony Blair looks quite modern just because he is more so than his predecessors as leader of the party. But this appearance is something of an illusion. His party is by no means as modern as he is. The advantage of electing a Labour government at the next election will be that Labour will be forced to face the 1990s issues, which it has not begun to do. The cost of a Labour Government will be that nothing will be done about these issues until far too late. Britain cannot afford five years of a Labour learning-curve. America *is* paying a terrible price for the Clinton learning-curve, though that seems to be downwards.

The issues of the 1990s are now quite widely understood, though most politicians are still understandably afraid of them. The most courageous and successful advocate of new policies is Newt Gingrich, who has become the best hope for a revival of ideas in Western politics. Silvio Berlusconi made an unsuccessful attempt to raise the issues, but Italy seems to prefer decline. The French at least had the sense to elect Jacques Chirac, the least bad, perhaps even the best, of the main presidential candidates. John Patten raises some of the important issues in his new book, *Things to Come*, and has shown that he is a serious thinking politician, a rarity in British politics.

These issues of the 1990s follow from the decline of the West. The United States and Europe have both ceased to be competitive in world terms. They have huge government and welfare overheads which are *moving rapidly towards bankruptcy.* As compared with the emerging Asian countries, they have far higher labour costs, less labour flexibility, more unemployment, higher welfare, lower savings and lower growth. As a result, our societies are becoming demoralised. The inflated public sectors of the West are low in productivity — the welfare structures are tending to destroy personal responsibility and the family.

The proper targets could easily be stated in financial terms. Competitive countries in the next century will need to reduce public expenditure to not more than 25 per cent of their national income. Public and private consumption, taken together, should not be more than 65 per cent of their national income (both China and Japan pass this test; both the United States and the United Kingdom fail it). Income taxes should have a top rate of 20 per cent. There should be no taxes on savings, capital gains or inheritance, all of which are essential to a strong economy. The primary responsibility for welfare should return to the citizen; the aim in the next decade should be to privatise welfare, just as industry was privatised in the 1980s.

Those societies which follow these rules will prosper. They will have high growth and low unemployment. Those which reject them will become insolvent, with high unemployment and deep social demoralisation. In the end, all advanced countries will be forced to move in this direction, just as Russia and China were forced to abandon the command economy. World economic forces will prevail. But those countries which make the changes 10 or 20 years too late will find it hard to recover.

Unfortunately, the Labour Party cannot do what is needed, even under Tony Blair, and Europe will not do it. The European Union is moving in a socialist and bureaucratic direction. The Maastricht treaty showed that. Nor can one believe that Kenneth Clarke or Douglas Hurd could be architects of the new policy. The Foreign Secretary's speech last Thursday showed his European policy is far from his party's attitudes.

With unchanged policies and unchanged personalities, the Tories are doomed to remain stuck in the stale 1980s. The world is accelerating, but the Government is not keeping pace with it. The Prime Minister's position remains equivocal. Like George Bush, he came into office thinking that his predecessor had gone too far and too fast: both men represented a mood of consolidation. The probability is that like George Bush, John Major will end up as a very respectable failure, a leader who did nothing very much for rather a long time.

Perhaps he could keep Kenneth Clarke — though he certainly ought to fire Eddie George for being both insubordinate and wrong. But he cannot get the policy development he needs out of the Clarke-Hurd combination, any more than Margaret Thatcher could get it out of Lawson and Howe. He has an urgent need to develop a robust British position in the preparations for the inter-governmental conference (IGC) on Maastricht in 1996. There are members of the Cabinet who as Foreign Secretary would speak for Britain: Michael Portillo, Jonathan Aitken, Peter Lilley (though he ought to be Chancellor), John Redwood, perhaps the tough-minded Brian Mawhinney. Best of all would be to give the Foreign Office to Norman Tebbit. The existing Foreign Secretary advised by the existing Foreign Office will follow an IGC policy virtually identical to Tony Blair's. John Major can only have the European policy he needs if he has a Foreign Secretary who believes in it.

Banging the drum has its cost

Rigid nationalism means losing influence in the EU, says Peter Riddell

The Tory party is becoming trapped in a rhetorical *cul-de-sac* over Europe. Michael Portillo and other sceptics are cheered by party activists for banging the drum of national sovereignty. Yet their words are incompatible with any deal which Britain is likely to be able to agree at next year's conference on the future of the European Union. A growing gap is developing between Whitehall discussions on the IGC and the language used publicly by senior Tories. The former is about maintaining British influence in Europe, while the latter is about changing the direction of the Tory party.

Mr Portillo undoubtedly speaks for many, if not most, in the party. His message is stark and appealing in expressing the frustrations of many with Europe. He refers to Brussels as an enemy. But his claim last week that "without the social chapter we are free: free to write our own laws, free to export and free to win" grossly exaggerates the significance of the opt-out from the chapter, either for our legislative freedom of manoeuvre or for British industry's costs. Compared with the expanded scope for Brussels in the single-market legislation, the social chapter is a marginal factor. But many warm to Mr Portillo's talk about proclaiming the "sovereignty of the nation", the *defence of freedoms and maintaining* "the right to govern ourselves".

Yet this rallying cry disguises its far-reaching implications. There would unavoidably be a radical change in Britain's relations with the rest of Europe — going much further than just maintenance of the British opt-outs from the social chapter and from a commitment to monetary union. Britain would become part of some looser free trade group, if that were possible, which it may not be. That implication has been faced by some, notably Norman Lamont in various speeches over the past year, and by committed backbench sceptics. In the short term, also, this rhetoric undermines Britain's negotiating position. It implies a series of demands about repatriation of powers from Brussels which no other country will support.

The cruel irony for John Major is that the IGC should not present insuperable difficulties for a British government which had room for manoeuvre to negotiate. It will not be another Maastricht, and the crucial issue of the single currency is still three or four years away. As Douglas Hurd argued last week, "in the rest of Europe, the IGC is not seen as a revolution — a final assault by federalist forces on the citadel of the nation-state". The election of Jacques Chirac as French President makes such an assault even less likely. Rather, the conference will be an attempt to make the Maastricht system work better before *enlargement to the east in a few years'* time. The Cabinet's European committee will over the next ten days finalise a paper along these lines, with proposals to give larger countries greater weight on the Council of Ministers and a bigger role in the rotating presidency, to redefine the remit of the European Court of Justice, to increase the involvement of national parliaments in European decisions, to make the common foreign and security policy work better, and to strengthen defence cooperation between states. Some of these ideas, especially on the role of national parliaments, are pious hopes. But this agenda is more positive than the largely negative pre-Maastricht position.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Many in the rest of Europe may want to go further. But it is absurd to *go into the talks saying "thus far, and* no further". There is a tendency, as Mr Hurd said, "to appear 'like startled rabbits caught in the headlights every time a new idea comes out of Brussels". Typical was last week's irrelevant little spat about Jacques Santer's remark that the Commission is opposed to permanent opt-outs. That provoked furious protests from the sceptics, but it was a restatement of a familiar position. As Mr Santer well knows, and as Mr Major repeated on Friday, these opt-outs *are* permanent and not negotiable. This tough line plays well with the Tory troops to maximise the difference from Labour, but there is not going to be a battle with Brussels on this issue.

The danger, however, is that intransigent language rules out compromises where they are necessary. And they will be in the suggested overhaul of Europe's decision-making which was the more important part of Mr Santer's comments. Mr Santer is a very different Commission President from Jacques Delors, as he showed in his Guildhall lecture ten days ago. His Christian Democrat approach is different from most British Tories', but it is essentially pragmatic. Yet he remains anathema to the sceptics. In a vivid symbol of their dislike of Brussels, some Tory sceptic MPs refused to join in the toast to the European Commission at the subsequent dinner.

In his lecture, Mr Santer, who will be addressing the CBI tomorrow, argued that institutional changes were inevitable as part of enlargement. It might, for example, be self-defeating for Britain to oppose *any* extension in the scope of qualified majority voting in a union of 20 or more if at the same time the definition of a qualified majority were altered in favour of big countries. The need for flexibility is urged this morning by the European Policy Forum, which is hardly full of Euro-enthusiasts. Frank Vibert, its director and co-founder (with Tory MEP Graham Mather), says the idea that there is "a minimal agenda which can avoid more fundamental issues about institutional arrangements and powers is an illusion".

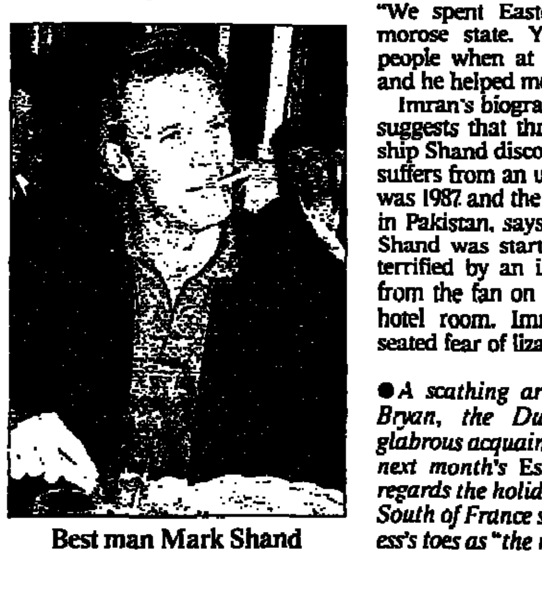
For the sceptics, any concessions would be a betrayal of sovereignty. But the IGC negotiations offer the chance of developing a flexible, and enlarged Europe of the kind which Mr Major says he wants. But his party may not give him the chance to reach such an agreement. The Tories have to decide whether they believe their own nationalist rhetoric or whether they want to be serious about achieving influence in Europe.

THE TIMES DIARY

Khan do

IMRAN KHAN'S decision to make Camilla Parker Bowles's brother Mark Shand his best man when he marries Sir James Goldsmith's daughter Jemima in June is understandable. Not only is Shand — a travel writer with an overriding passion for Indian elephants — a long-standing friend of Imran; he is also married to Jemima's cousin, Clio Goldsmith.

Imran has yet to meet Camilla Parker Bowles, but he forged his friendship with Shand in the early 1980s, when he hit the glamorous London party circuit. There were beautiful women in abundance and Shand recalls Imran's excitement: "It was as if he was in a candy shop at first."



Best man Mark Shand

The two men's friendship was sealed in 1984, when a fracture in his leg threatened Imran's career and Shand was at a low point. "We spent Easter together in a morose state. You get to know people when at your lowest ebb, and he helped me greatly."

Imran's biographer Ivo Tennant suggests that through this friendship Shand discovered that his pal suffers from an unusual phobia. It was 1987 and the two of them were in Pakistan, says Tennant. "Mark Shand was startled to see Imran terrified by an interloper leaping from the fan on to the sofa of his hotel room. Imran has a deep-seated fear of lizards."

● *A scathing article about John Bryan, the Duchess of York's glabrous acquaintance, appears in next month's* Esquire. *It says he regards the holiday he spent in the South of France sucking the Duchess's toes as "the most beautiful" of his life and he is proud of those photographs. "To have people insult those photographs, as wonderful and meaningful as they are, was an injustice," he says.*

No digestives

LORD GOODMAN'S death on Friday has deprived us of one of our most spectacular trenchermen — not for nothing did he come to be known as "two dinners" Goodman. But the sagacious lawyer nevertheless expressed the hope that he would not be troubled by his formidable appetite in the afterlife.

In an interview for his book *Not an Englishman*, David Selbourne asked Goodman whether he would like to be served with his favourite dishes — sardines, brisket and *fraises des bois* — when he arrived in Heaven. Goodman was dismissive: "If I arrive in Heaven," he replied, "I hope I shall be released from all these hideous human practices. Giving up food altogether would mean giving up the entire disagreeable digestive process."

Kept afloat

CHESTER CATHEDRAL has been left the sum of £270,000 out of the blue in a bequest by a local man who spent his life trying to clear the besmirched name of his father, one Captain Stanley Lord.

Captain Lord was the skipper of the *Californian*, the liner which happened to be closer than any other to the *Titanic* as she sank. Until his death, he was blamed — wrongly as it turned out — for failing to rescue some of the 1,513 drowning passengers. He was portrayed as yellow-bellied in the 1950s classic film *A Night to Remember*.

The cathedral believes the bequest from his son, Stanley Totton Lord, will finally put the family reputation beyond reproach.

Left behind

FORGETFULNESS marked the start of the West Indies tour at Saturday's match in Arundel against the Duchess of Norfolk's XI. First, the West Indies left their new scoring book for the tour behind in London and had to beg some scoresheets. Then they left the ground without taking down their West Indian flag from the mast above the pavilion.

The flag has been returned to the team and the scorebook will reach them at Worcester in a few days' time. Such lapses of concentration can only bode well for England.

Sock it to 'em

NEW ZEALAND is a riot of celebration, now that the country has taken home sailing's biggest prize, the America's Cup. But the 5-0 victory over Dennis Conner's American team means a return to decorum for the New Zealand Navy.

Last week, the Government in Wellington relaxed the rigid dress code for sailors, by allowing them to wear red socks with their uniform for the duration of the competition. The New Zealand team's colour was red, thousands of scarlet socks were sold across the country, and sailors were allowed to express their solidarity by wearing them. Now, however, the navy has been told return to uniform.

"Between you and me, I'm all for sleaze kerbs"

Not pulled off

THE OXFORD undergraduate who hit the headlines after she plunged naked into the River Cherwell and downed bubbly on May Day is back in the spotlight. This time, however, Jocelyn Witchard has refrained from dispensing with her undergarments.

The second-year English student, who faces disciplinary action from St Hilda's College, stars as a prank-playing schoolgirl in the college production of the 1920s comedy *Daisy Pulls It Off*. "I'm playing Trixie, the madcap poet of the Upper Fourth," she says. "Some might say it's typecasting."

Another splash: Jocelyn

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TARGET 2000

Jacques Santer is already yesterday's man

On June 2, the "reflection group" charged with preparing for next year's inter-governmental conference to review the Maastricht treaty will meet in Messina. It was in this same Sicilian city that the six founding members of the European Community first met 40 years ago. This could and should be the start of an equally important venture, a clear strategy for the early enlargement of the European Union, aimed at including Europe's leading new democracies by 2000.

Maastricht, in important respects the last European treaty of the Cold War era, ignored this challenge. The strongest argument for reviewing the treaty is to make good that omission. But all the signals point in precisely the opposite direction, to a further round of institutional tinkering which will distract the EU from its historic mission of acting as a magnet for European democracy and motor of prosperity.

To describe the Council of Ministers' submission for Messina as unimaginative would be much too charitable. That of the European Parliament, to be published this week, is likely to centre on its own aggrandisement. Here was an opportunity for Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, to demonstrate that modest realism, his supposed hallmark, could be combined with strategic vision. He has disappointed his admirers, among whom John Major counted himself.

The Commission's contribution, published last week, is not only a depressingly stubborn defence of yesterday's stale federalist agenda. By compounding the rigidities built into Maastricht, which even Jacques Delors came to describe as "a treaty too far", Mr Santer's policies further divide the Union's existing membership, and keep Eastern Europe out in the cold for years to come.

His impassioned denunciation of "Europe à la carte" runs counter to important political trends in Britain, France and Germany. In all three, for all their differences, recent months have seen the beginnings of agreement that the key to harmonious enlargement is more sensitivity to differing national goals and circumstances. The watchword is flexibility, to allow different groups of states to co-operate more closely in some areas than in others.

Mr Santer's proposal to extend majority voting to foreign policy and home affairs is equally ill-judged. The idea that this would produce a more forceful common foreign policy is absurd. It would weaken the Union because rather than find themselves compelled by the majority to act in a manner which ran counter to their national interests, governments would simply take important decisions elsewhere. The lesson of Bosnia, as it was with the Gulf War, is that Europe will act together only when its members are genuinely agreed on what to do. The same is true of justice and internal security.

Mr Santer also hopes to reverse the British and Danish opt-outs. If Labour wins the next election, his wishes may, to Britain's huge detriment, be partly realised. But the more important point is that he is wrong to oppose the principle. Instead of leading "to the collapse of Europe", as Mr Santer contends, a wider Europe may need more, not fewer, such arrangements. Norway might have joined the EU had it been able to stay clear of the common fisheries policy; exemptions may be required for new members. His recently printed "routemap" for enlargement leads into a dead end: the whole emphasis is on uniform standards, regulations and administrative reforms — all without a firm timetable to start negotiations.

Mr Santer has been modest only in renouncing the ambitions of M Delors to give the Commission new powers. But he seeks them for the European Parliament, at a time when even German ministers are hinting at toning down Bonn's federalist ambitions. That is not only in deference to British and French attachment to a Europe of nation-states; there is a dawning recognition in Bonn that Eastern Europeans, so newly independent again, will not want to see their national identity submerged.

The best defence is attack. Mr Santer is entitled to his opinion, but he is not the President of Europe. He must not be left to set its agenda unchallenged. The key to 1996 should be a target for enlargement by 2000. It is for governments to set.

SAY NO AGAIN

The simplest drugs message has the best chance of success

Teachers and education officials have now had four days to debate the 69-page Government White Paper on drug education. Their response to its proposals, which acknowledge the scale of the problem and propose a new strategy to counter drug culture in schools, is crucial to the success or failure of the Government's far-reaching attempt to eradicate the blight that has settled on too many of today's younger generation. Teachers must be as clear-headed in their analysis and as vigorous in their response as the White Paper has been in underlining the urgency of inculcating the "Just say no" message to children as young as four years old.

Central to the proposals outlined last week by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is his refusal to contemplate any loosening of the present legal prohibitions against drugs — whether they be "hard" drugs such as heroin and cocaine, or what are perniciously termed "recreational" drugs such as cannabis and marijuana. This intolerance may be attacked by some liberals, and even by some police, as unenforceable and self-defeating. But his stand, which will be applauded by almost all teachers and parents, has the backing of recent international experience.

In Switzerland and The Netherlands, where drugs were decriminalised and benign support for addicts replaced prohibition, the consequences have been devastating. The Governments of those countries are now paying dearly to clear the notorious "needle parks" and drug ghettos. Contrary to expectation, legalisation has not led to a reduction either in drug use or in related criminal activity.

The immediate question arising from the White Paper is why a new education campaign should succeed when others have failed. Schools have been attempting for years to warn young people of the dangers of drugs. Yet figures show a depressing increase in use, and some inner-city schools are now open territory for drug pushers. One difficulty has been that the message has been compromised by relativism and moral confusion: teachers, reflecting the wider debate, have linked drugs with alcohol, and suggested that both are a matter of personal choice. Many of the drugs education advisers resist the idea that they should label any activity as morally wrong even if it involves breaking the law.

The analogy between drugs and alcohol is spurious. Drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine are severely addictive, producing rapid and accelerated dependency. No drug education that does not underline the absolute social abhorrence of such destructive narcotics can hope to succeed.

The White Paper proposes drug action teams, bringing together police, probation, social services, housing, medical and education officials to develop strategies suited to their area. Such an integrated approach has long been sought by those who deal with the victims of drugs. The paper makes much of the need to begin drug education at a very early age. This, too, makes sense. Some children may be tempted to try drugs simply because of their "forbidden fruit" attraction. But many more will develop an anathema to their use. To her lasting credit, Nancy Reagan realised that a simple message, often repeated, will in the end work. It is a slow approach, which must be reinforced by redoubled police action against pushers at the school gates. But only thus can society protect its young from the evil that pills, powders and needles perpetrate.

ALISON OF EVEREST

A British woman climbs to the heights

How accustomed we have become to Mount Everest. For all its majesty, the mountain has yielded its glacial secrets to an ever-growing tribe of climbers. With this familiarity has come not contempt — Everest will remain forever immune from base regard — but a certain *ennui*. Yet news of the latest ascent of the mountain, by the singular Alison Hargreaves, should bring fresh vigour to the weary attention which we pay to Everest, the "Goddess Mother of all mountains". Unaided, alone and without the crutch of artificial oxygen, Miss Hargreaves conquered the summit from the North Ridge of the mountain. She is the first woman to have done so, and only the second mountaineer in history. The only other person to have reached the peak in this way, and by this route, is Reinhold Messner, whose inventive genius makes him the monarch of all mountaineers.

Miss Hargreaves's ascent is striking for a number of reasons. Although the North Ridge is not the most difficult route to the top — that distinction belongs to the east face of Everest — it taxes the strength and courage of mountaineers in a way that few other mountain routes can do. The North Ridge does not present mountaineers with a steadily vertical climb: the mountaineer spends more time above 8000 metres than she or he would on any other route.

Miss Hargreaves's exposure to the highest altitude will have been arduous: the area is not called the "death zone" for nothing. Knife-cold winds here take their toll. At above 8,000 metres, the North Ridge is a place worthy of Shelley's description: "wintry, dead, unmeasured; without herb, insect or beast, or shape or sound of life". Consumed here by the ice and wind over seven decades ago — on the very route that Miss Hargreaves took — were Sandy Irvine and George Mallory, the Wilfred Owen and Rupert Brooke of British mountaineers. Miss Hargreaves's achievement is as moving as it is historic. It closes an emotional chapter in British mountaineering.

Miss Hargreaves is indefatigable. After a few weeks of rest in Scotland, she proposes to attempt K2. Only two years ago, she climbed the six classic north faces of the Alps in a single season, or "a hard day's summer" as she was to describe it. We salute the spirit, courage and, yes, *chutzpah* shown by Alison of Everest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Uncertain future of prisons chief

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, You reported (April 26) that the Home Secretary had decided to extend the contract of Mr Derek Lewis as director-general of the Prison Service. Later that day, Mr Lewis confirmed to Prison Service staff that he had "agreed to continue for a further period of up to two years". He added: "Included in this agreement with the Home Office is a provision that either side must give 12 months' notice."

The same afternoon the Home Secretary, in reply to a question from Lady Olga Maitland, stated:

> Mr Lewis's contract was for three years from January 6, 1993, extendable to five years by agreement. He was informed in March 1995 that the Home Office would not be offering him the two-year extension. His contract has, however, been varied so that as from April 22, 1995, he continues to serve as Director-General for a period of 12 months, which may be rolled forward on a month-by-month basis.

I cannot see that these two statements are compatible. Either Mr Lewis must be given 12 months' notice of dismissal (his version) or, from April 1996, the contract is being rolled forward month by month (Mr Howard's version).

Uncertainty as to the Director-General's future is very damaging for the Prison Service. The Home Secretary should clarify the position without delay.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SHAW,
Director,
Prison Reform Trust,
The Old Trading House,
15 Northburgh Street, EC1.
May 1.

Flaws in the Criminal Appeal Bill

From the Legal Director of Liberty, and others

Sir, The Bar Council, Justice, the Law Society and Liberty are jointly promoting amendments to make important and much-needed changes to the Criminal Appeal Bill, which has its second reading in the House of Lords on May 15 [report and leading article, February 24; letter, March 6].

The Bill alters the grounds of appeal in criminal cases and sets up a new body, the Criminal Cases Review Commission, to investigate miscarriages of justice. We welcome its aim, which is to provide effective, independent and swift procedures to remedy miscarriages of justice. Our amendments, which we believe would help to secure that aim, deal with three essential issues:

1. The Bill allows the commission only to appoint an investigator from the public body that originally investigated the offence, usually a police force.

Whilst many of the investigations carried out by police forces into cases of miscarriage of justice have been scrupulous, some have not. The absence of a power for the commission to appoint a staff member in difficult or contentious cases cannot, we think, be justified.

2. The Bill provides for a new test to be applied by the Court of Appeal when it decides whether or not to quash a conviction, laying down that the conviction should be overturned if the court thinks that "the conviction is unsafe".

Like the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, we wish to add the words "or may be unsafe". This would, we believe, reflect the Court of Appeal's recent more generous approach in such cases. We fear that a single test, which implies a measure of certainty, might over time be interpreted more restrictively.

3. No general duty is placed on the commission to disclose to applicants (people claiming to be victims of miscarriages of justice) all the information gathered during its investigation.

In the past many miscarriages of justice have been at least partially caused by the failure of the authorities to disclose material. In *R v Secretary of State for Home Department, ex parte Hickey and others* (*Times* Law Report, December 12) the Divisional Court held that disclosure to applicants is necessary in the interests of fairness unless there are compelling reasons not to do so. We believe that this principle should be clearly set out in the Bill.

There is a further matter which the Bill does not address: the absence of any adequate provision of legal aid for applicants. Without this, some meritorious cases will fail; the commission will have more sifting and preparation to do itself; and the applicants will be left on their own before the commission, even though the other party, the Crown, will be legally advised throughout.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WADHAM,
Legal Director, Liberty.
PETER GOLDSMITH
(Chairman, Bar Council),
ANNE OWERS
(Director, Justice),
GRAHAM WHITE
(Chairman, Criminal Law Committee,
The Law Society),
Liberty,
21 Tabard Street, SE1.
May 10.

Waste of paper for school governors

From Major-General Sir John Acland

Sir, I write both as a governor of a secondary school myself and on behalf of my wife who is chairman of the governors of a primary school.

Whether it is government stringency or LEA incompetence which has led to the present problems in educational funding, head teachers and governors seem to be unanimously agreed that the Department for Education churns out, at great expense, a vast flow of glossy documents and papers which the conscientious among them have to read and then, because they are largely irrelevant, consign to the rubbish bin. This is not only a waste of busy people's time; it is also a complete waste of taxpayers' money which would obviously be better spent in the classroom.

From my time in the Ministry of Defence, I know only too well that it is usually those officials who are least essential and least busy who issue the most paper, presumably in an effort to justify their existence.

It is high time for the Secretary of State and her senior officials to ask themselves how much of this endless stream is really essential, how much merely desirable, and how much unnecessary. They would find that the bulk of it falls into the latter two categories and that its removal, and that of the bureaucracy which produces it, would make more money available for proper educational purposes.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ACLAND,
Feniton Court, Honiton, Devon.
May 12.

Boring? Gong!

From Mr Sheridan Morley

Sir, "Being a judge is an immense privilege", writes Val Hennessy in her article on the AT&T non-fiction awards judging process ("Sorry, too boring. Gong!", Weekend, May 6). With that privilege, it seems to me, also come certain responsibilities, one of which is surely not to pass off one's own often idiosyncratic opinions as those of anyone else on that jury.

Unlike Val, I would not presume to speak for or write of the literary tastes of four other very different judges; but to have them presented as my own, especially when many of them are in direct contradiction to what I have written and said on the air about these books, requires a tolerance that even I cannot find in myself.

Yours,
SHERIDAN MORLEY,
5 Admiral Square,
Chelsea Harbour, SW10.

From Ms Ruth Leon

Sir, How I wish the meetings of the AT&T jury had been half as eventful as Val Hennessy, one of my fellow judges, describes.

Her version is much more fun than the truth, which is that the jury met four times under the chairmanship of Alan Clark, survived his lack of interest and her championship of the obscure, and is, blissfully, over.

The prize itself does not seem to have been a priority for either party. Far from finding that the 115 books I read were "a rum, dull, gumptionless bunch" my own experience was a joyous recognition that, despite few obvious rewards, fine writers and scholars are still writing, and brave publishers are still publishing books that, to quote the ever-quotable Ms Hennessy, "had almost blown my socks off".

Yours etc,
RUTH LEON,
5 Admiral Square,
Chelsea Harbour, SW10.

Sale of Apsley House to Iron Duke

From the Duke of Wellington

Sir, In your Diary story of April 27 about plans for the return to Hyde Park Corner of the equestrian statue of my famous ancestor, originally atop the Wellington Arch and now "languishing" in Aldershot, you refer to Apsley House as "the splendid home that was presented to [the first Duke of Wellington] after he returned victorious from Waterloo".

This is incorrect. The Iron Duke bought Apsley House in 1817 for about £42,000 (a very large sum in those days) from his elder brother, Marquess Wellesley, so that the latter, who had bought it in the early years of the century from Lord Bathurst, could pay his debts.

The "gift by the nation" myth has persisted ever since 1949, when the house and its magnificent collection of silver, porcelain and paintings were handed over to the nation by my father, the seventh Duke. When he made this extremely generous gesture, with my full agreement, certain sections of the press (not *The Times*) tried to prevent our retaining a portion of the house as our London residence.

It was suggested that since the house had been the presented by the nation to the first Duke, it was right and proper that the seventh Duke should return it. My father was deeply hurt that his generosity should be received so uncharitably, and did his best to refute the story; but it has persisted.

Perhaps I should add that Stratfield Saye House was indeed given by the nation to the first Duke, after Waterloo.

Yours faithfully,
WELLINGTON,
Stratfield Saye House,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
May 5.

Arts and lottery

From Mr Charles Morgan

Sir, The chairman of Sadler's Wells Trust, James Ranger, is right to be concerned about the Arts Council's ability to distribute lottery funds [letter, May 10; other letters, May 6]. However, the requirement for applicants to secure "partnership funding" is just one of the problems.

The Arts Council's detailed guidance notes to applicants state that "you will need to show that your funding for running costs is secure and is enough to last for a reasonable period after the project is completed". That rules out most of the professional subsidised theatres, orchestras and galleries in the country, none of which enjoys the luxury of a long-term revenue commitment from any of its funding bodies. As Mr Ranger says, most are simply "struggling to keep going".

The guidance notes also state that proposals should conform to "local, regional and national plans for developing the arts". If only such plans existed. The Arts Council has no policy for theatre in England, although it is in the process of producing a "drama green paper".

With £1.6 billion burning a hole in its pocket, the Arts Council can be relied upon to "rush like lemmings to the water's edge, devising fatuous so-called policies and strategies and visions and corporate plans" (as Lord Rix put it when he resigned as chairman two years ago), while turning a blind eye to the imminent threat of insolvency for many of its clients.

The secretary-general of the Arts Council says that "arts lottery funding will increase audiences by making venues more comfortable, attractive and accessible". What a shame that there won't be anything on stage for them to watch.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MORGAN,
7 Dorset Road, Talbot Woods,
Bournemouth, Dorset.

Dressing the part

From Mrs Joan Salter

Sir, If I were to wear English national dress to the LSE dinner, as defined by John Ashworth (letter, May 11) — ie, the standard gentleman's suit — with what tie should I accompany it?

Yours faithfully,
JOAN SALTER,
64 Church Crescent, N10.

Rural power

From Mr J. P. Malnick

Sir, The article on May 10 by Libby Purves on removing the power of rural or local communities in return for cash payments appears to me to be a worrying extension of the townies' argument that they know how to manage the countryside better than the people who live there.

I live in Epping Forest, where the Epping Forest Act of 1878 provided that the duty of the Conservators (a body elected by the residents of the City of London, not by local people) is to maintain the forest for recreation and enjoyment by the public.

The chairman of the Epping Forest Committee of the City of London Corporation has, however, put it on record that his paramount duty is to the ecology of the forest, as a result of which the public's right to use the forest has been greatly restricted. "No riding" signs have gone up to preserve the moss and insects. "No fishing" signs have been erected and bramble and other scrub have grown up to obstruct walkers.

Epping Forest is becoming an exclusive domain for the benefit of the wildlife and the vegetation. The general public takes a poor third place.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. MALNICK,
Arabin House, High Beech,
Nr Loughton, Essex.

From Mrs Mary B. L. Booth

Sir, I disagree with the views expressed by Libby Purves, who appears to prefer unelected London "quangocrats" to look after our national parks rather than local residents. She accuses local government of short-termism and thinks that "sometimes, power needs to be removed from the grass roots, because roots can't see very far".

What she does not seem to realise is that the countryside of the national parks would not be there for people if succeeding generations of local residents had not looked after the land, farmed it, built farmhouses and drystone walls and endured harsh living conditions. At long last an attempt is being made to give some power to the local residents in the parks.

For example, our association has been working with those from neighbouring counties, with the support and involvement of the Peak Park Joint Planning Board, to set up a Peak Park parishes forum. This is an attempt to get greater consultation and more local democracy in the Peak Park.

Yours faithfully,
MARY B. L. BOOTH
(County Secretary),
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association,
15 Martin Street, Stafford.
May 11.

Comings and goings

From Mr R. A. Thompson

Sir, Michael Boyle's letter (May 11), asking when the expression "I see what you are driving at" gave way to another (which I had not myself met), prompts me to ask not when but why the expression "It's up to you", which I have used, and heard used for at least the last 85 years seems recently to have been almost entirely displaced by "It's down to you".

Is it merely a reflection of the times in which we live?

Yours faithfully,
TOMMY THOMPSON,
81 Bentsbrook Park,
North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.

Dimbleby at war

From Mr Jonathan Dimbleby

Sir, When my father, Richard Dimbleby, was recalled from the Middle East by the BBC in the early summer of 1942, he was succeeded by two fine correspondents, Godfrey Talbot and Denis Johnston, who shared their predecessor's duties with memorable verve.

Now the latter's son, Rory Johnston (letter, May 10), quotes from memoirs written by his father to the effect that Dimbleby was "a general's man" who relied on censored handouts from the top brass instead of reporting on the action from the frontline.

As many of your readers may remember, and as hundreds of Dimbleby's dispatches for the BBC demonstrate beyond question, Denis Johnston's gibe is at odds with the facts. Indeed, between 1940 and 1942 Dimbleby spent far more time on various front lines than he did at Middle East Command HQ in Cairo.

At the fall of Tobruk the BBC (with which the name Dimbleby had become synonymous in the Western Desert) did indeed become spectacularly unpopular with the troops — an episode which I explored at some length in my biography, *Richard Dimbleby* (1975).

Dimbleby was acutely aware of this dismaying development, which he attributed, *inter alia*, to the BBC's habit of combining his own dispatches with those of other agencies. These, in his view, were even more inclined to be "over-optimistic" than the Middle East Command itself.

Thus, writing in June 1942, he noted with frustration the need "to rehabilitate the BBC, at least in the eyes of the Army here who have lost a lot of faith in it".

Yours etc,
JONATHAN DIMBLEBY,
Glebe Productions,
1 Horbury Crescent,
Notting Hill Gate, W11.
May 11.

From Mr T. F. D. Simmons

Sir, In June 1942, as a junior intelligence officer responsible for arranging and accompanying war correspondents on their visits to the 8th Army battlefields, I was occasionally called upon to pass on to them official information about the state of the fighting.

Every effort was made to be accurate (there was a daily briefing) and I wrote home on June 9, 1942, as follows:

> It might interest you to know that Richard Dimbleby gets all or at any rate most of his information from us, so we cannot grumble if it is not accurate. It is funny to tell him something one morning and hear it on the wireless the night after. "Our correspondent" is in a better condition as far as the army is concerned now — no more false optimism or inaccurate reports. I do think it is most important that people at home should get a true picture of what is going on.

I hope that Richard's readiness, on occasion, to be informed and accompanied by a 20-year-old 2nd lieutenant balances any notion that he was, as suggested by one of your correspondents "a general's man".

Yours faithfully,
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21 route de Lullier,
1254 Jussy, Switzerland.
May 12.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

A wrong note

From Mr Alexander Donald

Sir, You reported (April 28) that the BBC Concert Hall was now back in use. Today I read that on March 15, 1942, James Agate, drama critic of *The Sunday Times* from 1923 to 1947, recorded in his diary:

> Eckersley told us how after the concert hall at Broadcasting House was built, there was doubt whether the door would admit a concert grand. "Try it", said somebody. But the musical director objected on the ground that if his beautiful Bechstein got stuck it would be damaged. So they instructed the carpenter to take measurements and make an exact replica in plywood. This was done, and then they found that they couldn't get the model out of the carpenter's shop.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER DONALD,
906 Kings Court,
Ramsey, Isle of Man.
May 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 13: The Duchess of Kent today attended Atlantic Memorial Services aboard *HMS Beaver and HMCS Toronto*, the Port of Londonderry, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-*Lieutenant for the City* of Londonderry (Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell).

Mrs Peter Troughton was in *attendance*.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Cancer Day Hospice at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, at 2.30.

Prince Edward, as Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will *attend the presentation of the* tractor for the award's show trailer at Iveco Ford Truck, Sutton Lane, Langley, Berkshire, at 9.00.

The *Duchess* of Gloucester, as Patron of the Women Caring Trust, will attend the annual House of Lords v House of Commons charity swim at Hurlingham Club at 8.25.

Anniversaries

Births: Klemens Metternich, statesman, Coblenz, Germany, 1773; *Pierre Curie, physicist, Nobel* laureate 1903, Paris, 1859; Arthur Schnitzler, dramatist, Vienna, 1862; Edwin Muir, poet and critic, Deerness, Orkney, 1887; Katherine Anne Porter, writer, Indian Creek, Texas, 1890; James Mason, actor, Huddersfield, 1909.

Deaths: Alexander Cunningham, historian, London, 1737; Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Llanberis, 1782; John Wall Callcott, composer, Bristol, 1821; Edmund Kean, actor, London, 1833; Daniel O'Connell, "the Liberator", Genoa, 1847; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1886; W.J. Locke, novelist, Cannes, 1930; Philip Snowden, Viscount Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer 1924 and 1929-31, Tilford, Surrey, 1937; Herbert Wilcox, film producer, London, 1977; Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia 1939-41 and 1949-66, Melbourne, 1978; Rita Hayworth, film actress, New York, 1987.

The machinegun was patented by London lawyer James Puckle, 1718.

The first package holiday arranged by Thomas Cook set off for Paris, 1861.

The Australian Flying Doctor service was launched by Dr Vincent Welsh, 1928.

The first H-bomb was dropped on Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, 1957.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Commander: C B Anderson — MOD London, 27.10.95; M A Barge — HQRM, 6.10.95; J A Cooper — MOD Bath, 2.6.95; D M Crothers — *MOD (Central Staffs)*, 1.9.95; J M R Garland — MOD Portland, 4.8.95; P C Gregory — Centurion, 8.9.95; A J Prosser — Brussels, 26.9.95.

Chaplain: C E Stewart — *Staff of* 2SL/CNH, 15.1.95.

Chief Nursing Officer: P M Hambling — Staff of 2SL/CNF, 22.9.95.

The Army

Brigadier: (Amendment) B P Plummer — *to be Comd HQ 1* Mech Bde Tidworth & Bulford *Garrison, 19.4.95.*

Colonel: A C Taylor — to be DA Cyprus, 19.5.95; J Blake — to MOD, 15.5.95.

Lieutenant Colonel: N M Fairclough RE — to be CO 35 Engr Regt, 15.5.95; R A L Gilchrist BW — to FG & IMRO(N), 18.5.95; M R Keen RLC — to Depot & Trg Regt RLC, 15.5.95; R A F Pearson QRL — to MOD, 15.5.95; P H J Smith RA — to MOD, 15.5.95; D R Summers RE — to 3 (UK) Div HQ & Sig Reg, 15.5.95.

Royal Air Force

Group Captain: M J Armstrong — to HQ PTC, 15.5.95; R J Tripp — to *HQ LC, 19.5.95.*

Schools news

Haileybury

The following awards have been made:

Academic

Major Scholarships

J.R.C. Barker, Edge Grove, *Aldenham*; E.J. Symes, Yardley Court, Tonbridge.

Minor Scholarships

A.W.F. Ford-Robertson, Aldwickbury School, Wheathampstead and Haileybury; R.J. Macfarlane, *Aldwickbury School, Wheathampstead*; S.C. Maller, Aldwickbury School, Wheathampstead; S.J. Rossiter, Lochinver House School, Potters Bar and Haileybury; J. Sela, Lochinver House School, Potters Bar.

The W E *Russell Scholarship*

N.C.G. Hill, Kingshott School, Hitchin.

The Vezey Scholarship

D.C. Oldridge, St Hugh's School, Woodhall Spa.

The Kenya Scholarship

A.J. Stephens, Peponi House School, Nairobi.

All Rounder Scholarships

J.B. Farha, Davenies School, Beaconsfield; S.A. Hughes, Heath Mount School, Watton-at-Stone; H.P.A. Kennedy, Beechwood Park School, St Albans; A.D. Melvill, Aldwickbury School, Wheathampstead; R.B.P. Nell, Beechwood Park School, St Albans; J.O.B. Nye, *Kingshott School, Hitchin*; M.J.G. Photiades, Aldwickbury School, Wheathampstead; R. Rohleder, Keble School, Winchmore Hill; W. Rohleder, Keble School, Winchmore Hill.

***Sixth Form Major Academic* Scholarship**

Kathryn L. Bedgingfield, Gordonstoun School, Elgin.

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships

Sophie H. Getty, Simon Balle School, Hertford; Bhaivee Malik, Sherrardswood School, Welwyn Garden City; D.C.E. Walker, St Albans School.

Music

Major Scholarships

C.A. Anderson, Westminster Abbey Choir School; M.D.J. Kelly, Kingshott School, Hitchin.

Scholarships

M.C. Alderton, Old Buckenham Hall, Ipswich; J.G. Campbell, St John's College School, Cambridge; P.H.J. Reid, Lochinver House School, *Potters Bar; B.D.F. Sapte, Lockers* Park School, Hemel Hempstead.

Sixth Form Major Music Scholarships

Suellen T. Bartlett, Presdales School, Ware; Victoria J. Cole, Ranelagh School, Bracknell.

Sixth Form Music Scholarships

Antonia L.S. Lim, St Nicholas School, *Old Harlow; Madeleine Loven-*Turner, The Godolphin and Latymer School, Hammersmith.

Sixth Form Major Music and Art Scholarship

Sarah E. Corbett, Abbot's Hill *School, Hemel Hempstead.*

Art

Major Scholarship

O.C. Royds, St Edmund's School, Hindhead.

Scholarships

A.D. Duck, Heath Mount School, Watton-at-Stone; T.G. Field, Lochinver House School, Potters Bar.

Sixth Form Major Art Scholarship

Sarah K.S. Hubbard, St Leonards-*Mayfield School, Mayfield.*

Sixth Form Art Scholarship

Rebecca P. Spencer, St Nicholas School, Old Harlow.

Repton School

The following scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded by Repton School.

Academic

Scholarships - Senior

Adrian Barnes, Parkside Community College, Cambridge; Verity Allan, Holy Child School, Edgbaston; John Barker, Nottingham High School; Laura Gill, Malvern Girls' College.

Exhibitions

Katy Mayne, St Denis & Cranley School, Edinburgh.

Scholarships - Junior

Shahzad Alikhan, Stancliffe Hall, Derbys; Henry Lobb, Saif Saifh, Ashleigh Bridges, Dominic Saunders, Repton Preparatory School.

Exhibitions

Hamer Boot, Westbourne, Sheffield; Toby Darbyshire, Adam Havercroft, *Kathryn Hodgkins, Repton Preparatory School*; David van Zwanenberg, St Martin's, Nawton, York.

Music

Scholarships - Senior

John Barker, Nottingham High School; Sarah Dacey, The Priory School, Shrewsbury.

Scholarships - Junior

James Andrews, Adam Havercroft, Georgina White, Repton Preparatory School; Oliver Malcolm, S Anselm's, Bakewell; Timothy Norris, Lichfield Cathedral School.

Exhibitions

Carl Smith, Jessica Walker, Repton Preparatory School.

Art

Scholarships - Junior

Lavinia Blackwall, Repton Preparatory School.

Exhibitions

Nicholas Hopper, Smallwood Manor, Uttoxeter; Kirsty Hull, *St Hugh's, Woodhall Spa.*

Winchester College

Winchester College announces *the 1995 Roll of Scholars and* Exhibitioners as follows:

Scholarships: 1. S.J. Kaye, Dolphin School, Hurst, Berkshire; 2. O.M. Beaumont, Milbourne Lodge School, Esher; 3. O.R.H. *Thomas*, Amesbury School, Hindhead; 4. (Exhibition) A.C. Hall, Hazelwood School, Limpsfield, Surrey; 5. (Exhibition) A.J. Smith, Milbourne Lodge School, Esher; 6. (Exhibition) A.W. Black, The Pilgrims' School, Winchester; 7. R.E. Griffiths, New College School, Oxford; 8. P.J. Judge, Downsend School, Leatherhead; 9. D.P. Gumbel, The Pilgrims' School, Winchester; 10. F.A. Featherby, Rokeby School, Kingston-upon-Thames; 11. (Exhibition) P.M.H. Grant, Winchester College and All Hallows School, Shepton Mallet; 12. J.G. Williams, Westminster Under School, London, SW1; 13. R.C. Martin, West Hill Park School, *Titchfield, Hampshire*; 14. (Exhibition) A.F.H. Stewart, Twyford School, Winchester; 15. S.M. Isaac, German-Swiss International School, Hong Kong; 16. J.T. Gress-Wright, St John's College School, Cambridge; 17. E.C.F. Duncan, Bolton School, Bolton, Lancashire; 18. D.C. Fortescue-Webb, Hordle House School, Lymington, Hampshire.

Numbers 4, 5, 6, 11 and 14 placed Exhibition first in their order of *preference.*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.W.G. Bayntun-Coward and Miss L.C. Banz

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Hylton Bayntun-Coward, of Dunkerton, Bath, and Laura, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Banz, of Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr S. Brothwood and Miss S.E. Kemp

The engagement is announced between Steven, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Brothwood, *of Blackpool, and Sarah, daughter* of Mr and Mrs David Kemp, of Bagshot, Surrey.

Mr D.J. Buckingham and Miss T.J. Honeybourne

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Buckingham, of Bookham, Surrey, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Honeybourne, of Kew, Surrey.

Mr S. Deterding and Miss D. Palman

The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr R. Deterding and Mrs G.D. Deterding, of Hertfordshire, and Dawn, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Palman, of Watford, Hertfordshire.

The Rev Dr P.J. Harwood and Miss C.L. Morris

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the Rev Canon J.R. and Mrs Harwood, of Dartmouth, and Clare, younger daughter of the Rev J.D. and Mrs Morris, of Rudgwick.

Mr M.E.J. Hutchinson and Miss C.J. Penny

The engagement is announced between Mark, second son of Mr and *Mrs John Hutchinson*, of Heath Barton, Whitestone, Devon, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Penny, of Uplowman House, Tiverton, Devon.

Mr J.A.H. Mallett and Miss E.C. Davies

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs John Mallett, of Heighington, Lincoln, and Emma, daughter of *Dr and Mrs John Davies*, of Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Somerset.

Lieutenant Colonel J.B. Ray and Miss H.A.L. Sandys

The engagement is announced between James Bryan Ray, of Buckland Newton, Dorset, and Harriet Anne Louisa, younger daughter of the *late* Major M.E.M. Sandys and of Mrs Helen Anne Sandys, of Graythwaite, Cumbria.

Mr J.N. Sturdy-Morton and Miss J.C.H. Spencer

The engagement is announced between *Julian* Nicol, son of Mrs Emma Sturdy-Morton, of Coldwaltham, Sussex, and the late Mr Nicol Morton, and Jan *Caroline* Hinton, daughter of Mr Maurice Spencer, of Barnes, and Mrs Margaret Spencer, of Midhurst, Sussex.

Marriages

Mr S. Cook and Miss J.A. Harwood

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 13, in London, of Mr Stephen Cook, only son of Mr Philip Cook and the late Mrs Jeanne Cook, and Miss Judith Harwood, only daughter of Mr Harold Harwood and the late Mrs Catherine Harwood.

The *bride was attended by Miss* Yvonne Carlton. Mr Peter Brophy was best man.

Mr M.C. Houghton and Mrs H.J. George

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 13, in Gloucestershire, of Michael *Houghton* to Harriet George. A family reception was held at Dell Farm, Painswick, where the couple will be living.

Mr S.P. Philips and Miss W.V. Palmer

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 6, at the Church of St James, Walton d'Eivile, Warwickshire, of Mr Simon Philips, son of Mr and Mrs David Philips, of London, to Miss Wendy Palmer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Palmer, of Wellesbourne, Warwickshire.

Mr N.J. Stabb and Mrs A. Forsyth-Forrest

A service of blessing was held at St Nicolas' Church, Upper Chute, following the marriage on April 11, of Mr Nicholas J. Stabb, son of the late Mr and Mrs William E. Stabb, *and Mrs Anita Forsyth-Forrest*, daughter of Mr Michael Forsyth-Forrest and of Mrs Ronnie Mills.

Mr K.R. Sykes and Mrs V.K. Fowler

The marriage took place quietly on Monday, May 8, at Castle Rushen, Isle of Man, between Kevin *Richard Sykes and Valerie Kay* Fowler, née Atkins.

Appointments

Mr John Kenneth Burke, QC, to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

Mr *Rodney Arandall Grant to be a* Circuit Judge, assigned to the North Eastern Circuit.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon Gervase Babing*ton, Rector, Walesby group of parishes (Lincoln): to retire from* May 12, to be appointed Canon Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral.

The Rev George Martin, Vicar, Partney (*Lincoln*): to retire as from July 30.

The Rev Canon David Tann, Vicar, St James, Dudley, Rural *Dean of Dudley and Honorary* Canon of Worcester Cathedral: to retire as from May 31.

Prebendary Clive Moore, Rector, South Petherton w the Seavingtons (Bath and Wells): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Lyn Morris, Rector, Queen Camel w West Camel, Corton Denham, Sparkford, Weston Bampfylde and Sutton Montis (Bath and Wells): to retire as from July 31.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Jessie McIntyre **Bailey**, of Merton, London, SW19 ... £741,292.

Mr William John **Bawden**, of Nynehead, Somerset .... £651,075.

Mr David Walton Stewart **Black**, of Hutton, Berwickshire. £740,729.

Mrs Eileen Phoebe **Curtis**, of Kingston, Surrey............. £734,537.

Mrs Dorothy Kate **Flagg**, of Sherborne, Dorset .... £642,292.

Mr Kenneth Gordon **Gale**, of Burford, Oxfordshire....... £750,881.

*Mrs Margaret **Kearsley**, of Ashton in Makerfield,* Derbyshire .... £734,322.

Mr Dennis George **Osborn**, of *Stow-on-the-Wold*, Gloucestershire .... £633,280.

Mrs Vivien Mary **Pilkington**, of Highclere, Hampshire ... £890,631.

The Hon Honor Smith

A memorial service for the Hon Honor Mildred Vivian Smith, physician, was held on Saturday in the Chapel of St Hugh's College, Oxford. *The Rev Lewis Fosdike* officiated. Mr Derek Wood, QC, Principal of St Hugh's, read the lesson. Dr Judith Hockaday, Mrs Susan Wood, Emeritus Fellow of St Hugh's, Dr Alice Stewart, Senior Research Fellow of Birmingham University, Department of Epidemiology, and Mrs Katharine Macdonald paid tribute. Mrs Elizabeth Macdonald-Buchanan, niece, read from the works of Isaac Newton, Mr Francis Dunne, great-nephew, read from Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* and Mr Harry Verney, great-nephew, read *The Fisherman's Prayer* from *The Salmon Book*. Dr Philip *Boobbyer, great-nephew, read Last Lines* by Emily Brönte, and the Hon Mrs Boobbyer, niece, read an antiphon.

Lady Pilkington

A service of thanksgiving for the *life of Rosemary Pilkington will be held at the Royal Hospital Chapel,* Chelsea, on Wednesday, June 14, at 3pm.

John Osborne

A memorial service for John Osborne will be held at St Giles-in-the-Fields, off Charing Cross Road, on Friday, June 2, at 11.30am.

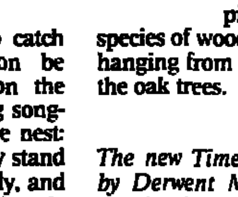
Appointments

Mr Neil Hook to be Ambassador (resident) to Turkmenistan from September in succession to Sir Brian Fall (non-resident) who will *be retiring from the Diplomatic* Service.

Sir William Francis and Mr Stuart Mustow have become members of The Engineering Council.

Nature notes

Dotterels have been arriving in twos and threes on the East Coast. They are small, dark *plovers, with a colourful pat*tern beneath of white and chestnut. A few pairs nest each year high *on the Scottish* mountains — hard to find but very tame when found. Later summer visitors also include the spotted flycatchers, which dart out from a branch to catch insects and will soon be nesting in wisteria on the sides of houses. Young song-thrushes are out of the nest: when approached, they stand looking up wonderingly, and hop away under a bush only at the last moment. Ash trees are coming into leaf, the last of the common trees to do so. Most trees are now at their fullest and freshest green: by next month they will already be turning darker. The pink *stars of storks bill are out*; *its* name comes from the shape of its pointed seeds. Wild forget-me-nots are *in* flower, often in pale blue carpets, on grassy banks. Small and large white butterflies are in the air, while the caterpillars of many species of woodland moth are hanging from fine threads on the oak trees.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DJM

The new Times nature diary by Derwent May, based on DJM's Nature Notes and illustrated by Richard Blake, has just been published in a paperback edition by Robson Books at £6.99.

Birthdays today

Zara Phillips is 14 today.

Ted Dexter, cricketer, who is 60 today

Professor Sir James Baddiley, biochemist, 77; Sir Ralph Bateman, former president, CBI, 85; Sir William Batty, *former chairman*, Ford Motor Company, 82; Mr D.M. Boston, former director, Horniman Museum, 64; Miss Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, 76; Mr Michael Clapham, MP, 52; Lord Darling, 76; Professor T.M. Dexter, haematologist, 50; Mr Peter Ellwood, chief executive, TSB Group, 52; Mr Andrew Hargreaves, MP, 40; Mr R.A. Hough, writer, 73; Mr John Lanchbery, conductor, 72; *Lord McDonald*, 79; *Sir Frederick Mason*, diplomat, 82; Professor P.A. Reynolds, former Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster *University*, 75; *Mr Anthony* Shaffer and Mr Peter Shaffer, playwrights, 69; Professor R.S.J. Sparks, geologist, 46; *Mr Ralph Steadman*, cartoonist and illustrator, 59; Professor Sir Eric Stroud, paediatrician, 71; Sir David *Trippier, former MP*, 49; *the* Earl of Warwick, 61.

University news

Manchester

Recent grants include:

Advanced RISC Machines

Open microprocessor systems initiative for deeply embedded applications, Professor S B Furber, £141,500.

A & RC

Molecular and cellular mechanisms involved in the *osteogenic* differentiation of vascular pericytes, Dr A E Canfield and Professor M E Grant, £70,215.

Characterisation and immunological studies of a *new* antigen associated with Wegener's granulomatosis and its significance in other inflammatory vasculitides, Dr P L Holt, Dr K Morgan, Miss S John and Mr A Tullo, £51,572.

Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

Analysis of the maintenance and expression of plastid transformation vectors in protoplasts and transgenic plants, Dr A Day, £160,884.

BBSRC

The *hexosephosphate* translocator of wheat endosperm amyloplasts, Dr C G Bowsher and Dr M J Emes, £160,408.

Cancer Research

Improving the psychological care of *cancer patients, Dr P Hopwood and* Dr G P Maguire, £378,132.

Molecular and cell biological studies of cytotoxic agents, Professor J A Hickman, £137,018.

Development and evaluation of magnetic resonance imaging and image analysis for application in clinical oncology, Dr J M Hawnaur, *Professor I Isherwood and Professor* C J Taylor, £133,350.

An investigation of the aetiology and natural history of cervical neoplasia, Professor C B J Woodman, £55,048.

Chest H & S Assn

Value of assessment of oxygen desaturation on swallowing as a marker of aspiration in acute stroke, Dr M J Connolly and Dr P A O'Neill, £25,217.

Danish Teleconsult International

Employment trends related to the use of advanced communications, Dr K J Ducatel, £43,000.

Department of Health

Developing healthy alliances between school nurses and teachers *in HIV/STD and sex education*, *Mr I* Hicken and Professor C A Butterworth, £47,000.

EEC

A teaching manual for nurse educators - AIDS and drug misuse, *Mrs J Faugier*, £149,845.

Cancer campaign and radiotherapy (1885-1940), Dr J V Pickstone, £73,217.

EPSRC

Computer-aided detection of cancer *in breast x-rays, Dr S M Astley and* Professor C J Taylor, £245,994.

Service dinners

Gurkha Brigade Association

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, assisted by Brigadier M.G. Hunt-Davis, Chairman of the Gurkha Brigade Association, presided at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Parachute 2 Club (1941-45)

Colonel H. Fletcher was the principal guest at the annual dinner of Parachute 2 Club (1941-45) 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment held on Saturday at Stoke Rochford Hall, Grantham. Brigadier D.B. Rendell presided.

No 16 RFC and RAF Squadron

Air Marshal David Cousins, President of the No 16 RFC and RAF Squadron Association, and Mrs Cousins received the guests at the annual dinner held on Saturday night at the RAF Club, Piccadilly.

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, Mr Gwilym Jones, MP, and Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP, were present at a dinner held by the Club at Cardiff Castle last Thursday evening. *The guest speaker was* Oberbürgermeister Manfred Rommel, Lord Mayor of Stuttgart. The Right Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Ricky Ormonde, presided.

Soirée

People and Places

"Dearest Evelyn, Darling Nancy" with Prunella Scales and Timothy West, a soirée in the *People* and Places series in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital Children's Appeal, will be held at the Foreign *Press Exchange, 11 Carlton House* Terrace, London SW1, on May 25. Tickets and further information are available from Mrs Iris Banham-Lee, president, People and Places, telephone 01225 318547.

Troy's lost treasures discovered in Russia

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

PART of the lost treasure of Troy has been rediscovered in St Petersburg. More than 400 *objects excavated by Heinrich* Schliemann over a century ago and looted from Berlin in 1945 are in The Hermitage, Russia's largest museum.

"We had no idea that The Hermitage contained any Trojan material," D. F. Easton reports in the journal *Antiquity*. Mr Easton was one of three Western scholars shown the looted treasures last November, after an unexpected invitation from Dr Mikhail Piotrovsky, the museum's director. Among the revealed material is part of "Priam's Treasure": six silver ingots are in The Hermitage, although most of the treasure is *at the Pushkin Museum in* Moscow.

The spectacular gold jewellery from Troy is in Moscow, but The Hermitage has a selection of bronze spearheads, knives, chisels, pins and axes, Mr Easton said. Notable among the objects are an ornamented dagger and axes from the Seventh City of Troy, now acknowledged as one of the closest in time to the Trojan War around 1200BC. The finds will go on show next year.

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BIRTHS

BEVENS - On May 11th to Tracy (Née Williams) and Dean, a daughter Emily Grace.

CAMPBELL - On May 10th, to Harriet (née Girling) and Lachlan, a daughter, Georgia Charlotte Clementine.

GIBLETTE - On 10th May, in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America, to Matthew and Rosie (née Cowan), a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Katie and Thomas.

LESLIE MELVILLE - On May 10th, to Clare (née Heywood-Lonsdale) and James, a daughter, Rosanna Clare, a sister for Jack and George.

STYLE - On May 12th at the Royal Free to Victoria and Christopher, a son, Peter John, a brother for George and Charlie.

WINSTANLEY - On April 28th, to Columbine (née Hobart) and Charles, a son, Patrick Charles Mortimer, a brother to Caitlin.

DEATHS

AKWEI - Sigismund Kpakpo, peacefully on 5th May 1995, in Gotenborg, Sweden. Funeral service on Friday 19th May 1995, at the English Church, Gotenborg at 1pm. All friends welcome Tel:0046 31824057

CHRISTIE - Peacefully on Saturday 13th May 1995, Lady Joan, beloved wife of the late Captain Hector Christie and mother of Carolyne and William. Funeral on Friday 19th May 3pm at St Nicholas Church, Baydon, Berkshire.

DENHAM - On 11th May 1995. Peacefully in her sleep Winifred Joan Denham OBE, Chief Officer WRNS (Retd) aged 87, of Seaford. Following private cremation a Thanks Giving Service will be held at St Marys, Selmeston Sussex. On Sat 20th May at 11 am. Dearly loved by all who knew her. Enquiries to Seaford Funeral Services 01323 893889

ELLIS - On 10th May, suddenly, Richard (Dick) Hancock, aged 57, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Charlotte, Nicolette and Thomas. Funeral service on Thursday 18th May at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Lambourne, Church Lane, Ongar Road, Abridge, Essex, followed by private Cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to The Missions to Seamen, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4 2RL.

GRAHAM - Ursula, wife of the late J.A. (Jock) Graham, beloved aunt of Anna and Caroline, peacefully at Pollensa Majorca on 12th May 1995. No flowers by request. Donations to E.S.R.A Pollensa or Josefina's Dog Refuge Pollensa

HAM - On 12th May 1995, peacefully after a short illness, Ruth Mary Vaughan, widow of Christopher and much loved mother of Timothy, David, Richard, Elizabeth and Rosemary and loving grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Saffron Walden, on Thursday 18th May at 2.30pm. Flowers may be sent c/o H. Peasgood & Son, Shire Hill, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.

HART - Robert John Collins, MB, BS, FRCPath, Lt. Col. RAMC (retired). Beloved of Mary, Elizabeth & Brian, Alison & Robin, Crispin and Sandi, Timothy and Judy, their families and the wider family. Funeral at St Peters Church, Budleigh, Salterton. On May 17th at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Exeter Hospice, Dryden Road, Exeter.

HISCOCK - On May 12th, peacefully in her cottage on the Isle of Wight. Susan Oakes (née Sclater). Cremation, Friday May 19th. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged. Enquiries to Everson Funeral Directors Tel:01983 755733

LANGHAM - On 11th May at *the Royal Marsden Hospital*, Sutton. Tony, dearly loved husband of Jennifer and father of Alex, Jenny and Joanna. Funeral Surrey and Sussex Crematorium 12 noon Wednesday 17th May. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to R.M.H. Leukaemia Endowment Fund c/o Dr. Ray Powles, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.

MARKHAM - On May 10th, suddenly but peacefully, Basil Gervase, in his 89th year, beloved husband of Sarah, father of Francis and John, grandfather of Robert and Juliet. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wotton-under-Edge, on Saturday 20th May at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired for St Mary's Fabric Fund c/o Grimes & Goscombe Funeral Services, Chipping Manor, The Chipping, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. (01453) 843481.

MELLOR - On April 27th peacefully at home, Major R W F (Tony) Mellor, aged 84. Late the 22nd Cheshire regiment. Devoted husband of the late Ellen & devoted companion of Ruth Kaschube, Germany. Funeral has taken place privately. Service of Thanks Giving will be on May 28th at 3pm Figheldean Church.

MONTEITH - Charles Montgomery, on 9th May 1995. Funeral Service at St Saviour's Church, Warwick Avenue, London W9, on Wednesday 17th May at 12 noon. Memorial Service to be announced later. Enquiries to A. France & Son (0171) 405-4901.

NESBIT - On 11th May 1995 suddenly, but very peacefully, Eileen Mary, known to her many friends as Pat, greatly loved wife - for 67 years - of Douglas and very beloved mother of Sheila, David and Susan and devoted grandmother to Claire. Funeral Service on Friday 19th May 1995 at 11am at St Thomas's Church, Bedhampton, Hampshire, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to J. Edwards and Son, 13 St Georges Walk, Waterlooville, Hampshire.

ROBERTS - G.S. (Gerry) of Penrith, Cumbria, on May 11th accidently at Ullswater Yacht Club, aged 79 years, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Watermillock, Penrith on Wednesday, May 17th at 2pm, followed by Private Cremation at Carlisle. Family flowers only to John Richardson & Son, Funeral Directors, Victoria Directors, Victoria Road, Penrith. Donations, if desired, to R.N.I.B or Imperial Cancer Research.

TURNER - On May 11th 1995, peacefully at Uplesham House, Chelmsford. Molly aged 88, beloved wife of the late Cdr. Bradwell Turner, RN, loved mother of Fiona, Annabel, and Sally and dearest grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Writtle on Friday May 19th *1995 at 10.45 am followed* by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to Chelmsford Hospice, c/o S. Kelley & Son, St Johns Road, Writtle, Essex. CM1 3EB.

WALLACE - Suddenly in hospital on May 11th, Rev. Marjorie Emily Wallace B.A., F.I.P.M., dearly loved sister of Hazel. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on Thursday May 18th at 1.15 pm, followed by private cremation at Mortlake. Flowers to W.S. Bond, 127 Fulham Palace Road, W6.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRUCE-LOCKHART - John Macgregor CB, CMG, OBE. A Memorial Service will be held at St Martin-in-the-Field, Trafalgar Square, London, at 3 pm on Wednesday 21st June.

PUTT - A Memorial Service to commemorate the life and work of the late S. Gorley Putt, will be held in the Chapel of Christ's College Cambridge at 11.30 am on Saturday 17th June.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HYMAN - In loving Memory of our father, Leonard Hyman (15th May 1895 - 14th April 1964), on the Centenary of his birth - David and Robin.

TAYLOR - Paul. In fondest memory of dearest Paul who died four years ago. His unique personality and constant acts of kindness will never be forgotten. To know *him* was to love him. So very greatly missed. M.K. T.B.

TOMPKINS - Richard C.B.E. With all our love on your birthday and always. A very bright light has gone out of our lives, but a brighter star shines up above. Liz and Vicky.

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OBITUARIES

LORD GOODMAN

Lord Goodman, CH, solicitor, former chairman of the Arts Council and Master of University College, Oxford, 1976-86, died on May 12 aged 81. He was born on August 21, 1913.

Lord Goodman was in every respect larger than life. He was everything and everywhere: an analytical lawyer with a gift not far short of genius for practical solutions, a Maecenas in the arts who was not averse to the excitement of political affrays, a man of affairs of such diversity, ranging from the big international and national crises to the private anguishes of his friends and clients, that the sheer volume of his experiences made him a man of the Renaissance rather than the expert so fashionable in our own specialised times.

Arnold Abraham Goodman was secretive about the schools he went to, but was later educated at University College London and subsequently at Downing College, Cambridge. At both universities he obtained first-class honours. His professional career as a solicitor began with a partnership in a small firm in Gray's Inn. At the outbreak of war Goodman enlisted with the Royal Artillery (whose motto "Ubique" could be said to sum up his later life). He joined an anti-aircraft battery then recently formed in Enfield under the command of Major Wheeler (later Sir Mortimer Wheeler).

He did so because he felt very deeply about the need to resist Nazi tyranny; he was a Zionist to the end of his days. He remained in this unit for about two years, becoming the Battery Quartermaster Sergeant, thence to a commission with the RAOC in Southern Command. It was here that he established many friendships which he retained into later life, especially that of Colonel Wigg, subsequently Lord Wigg, who brought him into contact with many important figures in the Labour movement, such as Hugh Gaitskell and Harold Wilson.

Goodman's considerable appetite for developing contacts — which never abated throughout his life and which was to make nearly impossible demands on his resources both of time and of health — became evident early in his career. Because lawyers' friends tend to ask for advice and he inspired confidence — and because, too, of his extreme shrewdness to which his professional competitors gave a less complimentary label — he soon acquired a large clientele drawn from all walks of life. Old army acquaintances and colleagues followed him into the firm which bore his name. There he built up a practice orientated towards literature, the theatre and the arts generally. In the early 1960s the expanding world of commercial television beckoned him and the complex and remunerative law of copyright and libel sang its siren song to good effect. Solicitors and accountants were much in demand on the boards of companies. Goodman became chairman of the newly constituted board of British Lion Films.

In 1964 at the invitation of Harold Wilson (advised by Colonel Wigg) his negotiating skills were brought to bear on a troublesome strike in the television industry. Although in his early life a deeply ambitious man, he shrank from publicity. He would not allow himself to be named or photographed. Wilson, therefore, referred to him as "Mr X", unwittingly endowing him with mystery and a fame which was none of his seeking.

Goodman never espoused the Labour Party's cause, although that did not prevent Wilson from creating him a life peer within months of Labour coming to office. A mollifier by nature, he was, by choice, a political eunuch at the court of the Prime Minister. He was not merely inclined but determined to keep clear of any partisan commitments, and the cross benches of the House of Lords were to become his natural habitat. Yet from the beginning of the 1960s he was undeniably the lawyer to whom left-wing politicians, remembering his success on behalf of Aneurin Bevan in a controversial libel action against *The Spectator* in 1957 and observing Wilson's Augustan patronage, naturally gravitated. When Wilson arrived at the summit of the Labour Party, Goodman was at his side and whole new panoramas opened up before him.

A political post would have entailed giving up his practice as a solicitor or at the least leaving it to his partners. But, as things luckily turned out, the new Minister for the Arts, Bevan's widow, Jennie Lee, offered him the chairmanship of the Arts Council. A strong and fruitful partnership emerged from this appointment. Goodman was to the end of his life at his best presiding over committees. He was reliably late in arriving and the more important items on the agenda were tactfully rearranged to coincide with his surprisingly inconspicuous entrances into the committee room. His lack of punctuality never gave offence because its cause was known to be an overloaded programme, not discourtesy. His amiable, cheerful and jocular lucidity ensured the even temperature of meetings and the relevance of discussions.

He brought to the Arts Council another invaluable faculty; his tenure there was the start of a long and successful career in fundraising from Government and from private citizens in aid of his cherished causes. It was not just a case of his having wealthy friends — they were legion in the middle and late years of his life. For his sort of success it was also necessary to be the master of a cajoling technique and Goodman developed a mixture of roughness and legerdemain in the art of persuading the rich to open their purses that became proverbial. Add to this his strong affection for the theatre and opera, and it is not surprising that he was not only outstandingly successful but also outstandingly happy in the position he held for seven years. (He was appointed a Companion of Honour on his retirement from the Arts Council chairmanship in 1972.)

Not that he was free to please himself or the artistic world. The subventions available to the Arts Council were limited; he required and used to the full his resourcefulness in meeting conflicting artistic demands and in reconciling the financial appetites of the metropolis and of the regions. At the end of his seven-year period of office he emerged with his reputation for imperturbability and conciliation enhanced. His critics were many but they were outnumbered by his admirers, and these soon encouraged him to take on tougher and more controversial assignments.

He responded, partly from his genuine desire to make the world a better place, but equally because he could not resist an invitation to preside over organisations where he would be in the thick of things. He continued at the same time to maintain a thriving practice as a solicitor and to serve the firm which bore his name. For this was the springboard from which he daily plunged into all his non-legal activities. And, by a natural reciprocity, the firm became the beneficiary of these activities, attracting an ever-increasing clientele.

During the Labour Party's term of office Goodman became involved in the negotiations for a possible settlement in Rhodesia. Conducted privately, they prepared the way for the fruitless discussions on board *HMS Fearless*, one of Wilson's less fine hours. The subsequent Heath administration was keen to make one last attempt to arrive at a settlement and its Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, chose Goodman for the purpose.

He embarked on a series of protracted and exhausting bargaining discussions. A fragile agreement was reached with the Smith regime, largely thanks to his thorough groundwork. It collapsed, however, on the test of its acceptabilility to African opinion — which even the Conservative-appointed Pearce Commission found to be wanting.

Probably Goodman should have foreseen such an outcome. But he was always an optimist and in any event, as he pointed out with some force, there was no credible alternative, at least for the exponents of *realpolitik*. His speech for the defence in the Lords was an impressive piece of advocacy, making an immense impact on his hearers in that not easily impressed forum. It was described later in the debate by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, as one of the two greatest parliamentary performances he had ever heard, the other being Lord Keynes's exposition after the war of the significance of the Bretton Woods agreement.

He was much admired as a speaker for all occasions: commendably short, funny rather than witty, voluble but controlled. He was normally adept at extemporising (though this gift could let him down — his 1974 Dimbleby TV lecture on housing was an embarrassing failure).

Over the years Goodman had secured some useful awards of libel damages against Fleet Street publications. It was probably inevitable, therefore, that they should want him on their side. In 1967 his friend David Astor prevailed upon him to become chairman of the trustees of *The Observer*. The economics of newspaper publishing became his staple diet which he digested easily. As the balance sheets grew more ominous and the deficits more remorseless, Goodman observed them with his sad but twinkling eyes and never lost his nerve. To his growing shopping-list of chairmanships he added the Newspaper Publishers' Association, throwing himself energetically into the depressing jungle of Fleet Street industrial relations. His technique in negotiations was simple: from the first word to the last he treated his opposite number, however intractable, as a rational and trustworthy human being, endowed with an intellect equal to his own. Any suggestion to the contrary he would appear to regard as wholly alien to his thinking. It was a genuine, effective and wholly disarming approach which reduced the distance across the negotiating table in the bitterest of disputes.

In 1976 David Astor decided that his resources could no longer sustain *The Observer* and it became necessary to find new owners for the paper. Goodman's London flat was translated into the nerve-centre for the operation which followed. Each morning at breakfast time his sitting room became the scene of an almost operatic tableau: the trustees and other notables connected with the paper in a semi-circle around Goodman, himself clad in a glittering dressing-gown and almost recumbent on a raised medical chair, while in adjoining rooms mandarins of the industrial, commercial and entertainment worlds patiently awaited their chance to consult the oracle if only for a few minutes. Offers for the paper came in from all quarters of the globe, notably from Rupert Murdoch in New York, whose claim Goodman at first strongly supported. But when, on an initiative quite independent of Goodman, Robert O. Anderson of Atlantic Richfield learnt that the newspaper was on the market, all other offers — Murdoch's by then had been withdrawn — were swept aside. For Anderson it was good enough that Goodman's name was on the package, and he bought the paper overnight.

Any portrait which suggested that Goodman's crown was studded only with successes would be a false one. Taking on so many causes, he was bound to sustain defeats and disappointments. He was, for example, a dogged opponent of the divided legal system of solicitors and barristers. He believed fervently and dogmatically in the blessings of a fused profession. It was largely due to his advice that a Royal Commission was appointed in 1976 to investigate the legal profession. A massive amount of evidence was placed before the commission: the advantages and disadvantages of the existing and other systems were thoroughly canvassed and studied. The outcome was an intense disappointment to Goodman: the commission left the dual system undisturbed and intact.

In the latter half of 1975 Goodman had also become the principal protagonist in what later seemed a somewhat bogus battle over the freedom of the press. The Secretary of State for Employment, Michael Foot, intent on reversing the Industrial Relations Act of the previous Tory Government, introduced a provision which Goodman saw as a direct threat to the freedom of editors and journalists. From the cross benches he sought to temper the full force of the proposed measures with a relentless succession of amendments, to the point where a constitutional conflict between the Upper and Lower Houses became a distinct possibility. On the crucial issue of an imposed Press Charter he fought a strenuous battle but lost decisively on a free vote (he himself had wanted the Conservative leadership to put the whips on).

It might be thought that a busy lawyer, who was also a multiple chairman and legislator, would look on the groves of academe as a respite from his incessant activities. But Goodman's huge frame contained apparently inexhaustible resources of energy. In 1976 he accepted an invitation to become Master of University College, Oxford (a post to which his own former patron, Harold Wilson, had also aspired). His nature being what it was, he could not promise full-time engagement there, for he continued his London activities. But what he had to offer the college in practical wisdom and know-how about people and organisations he gave in generous measure. Illustrious musicians came from London to enrich the musical life of the college. Undergraduates found him ready to help — he made a point of entertaining each and every junior member of the college once a year in the Master's Lodgings.

He gave up the mastership in 1986 but, despite his increasing immobility, his appetite for civic and social activities remained unappeasable. Most governing bodies, especially those connected with the theatre, music and Jewish affairs, found a place for him. In 1987 he was honoured with a gala performance at the London Coliseum, a bouquet of performances by the cream of the acting, dancing and musical professions, compèred, rather inappropriately, by a bewigged Rumpole. There was something touching in the air of embarrassment with which he endured the eulogies flung at him from the stage, his face more than usually melancholic but jocular.

Still other festivities followed. In August 1993 he celebrated his eigthieth birthday not merely by publishing his autobiography, aptly entitled (given his reputation for lateness) *Tell Them I'm On My Way*, but also by being the guest-of-honour at a Sunday evening banquet held for 400 friends in Lincoln's Inn Hall. The saddest comment on this occasion came from the lips of a renowned Oxford academic. "I'm quite sure," he said, "that Arnold knew at least half the people there."

It was a perceptive, as well as a cruel, remark — for, despite his great public fame, Arnold Goodman remained at heart a lonely figure. Although he enjoyed a number of female friendships — notably in his later years with Ann Fleming and the Countess of Avon — the person he probably felt closest to was his long-dead elder brother, about whom (as about so much else) he remained tantalisingly reticent in his memoirs.

Goodman never married.

MAJOR-GENERAL FERGUS LING

Major-General Fergus Ling, CB, CBE, DSO, Regimental Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, 1973-77, died on May 7 aged 80. He was born on August 5, 1914.

FERGUS LING made his name in his first action as an infantry battalion commander during McCreery's 10th Corps crossing of the Garigliano river in Italy on January 17-18, 1944. He had just taken over command of the 2nd/5th Battalion of The Queen's Royal Regiment in the 56th (London) Division, and was to lead it by night across the wide, well-defended river on the extreme right flank of the Corps assault.

It was a difficult operation; his battalion had to undertake an exhausting portage of its assault boats down to the river, which they hoped to approach undetected. They had no such luck: German mortars and machine-guns sank several boats and inflicted heavy casualties on his assault troops. The intensity of the German fire was such that many commanding officers would have given up, but not Ling.

Reorganising his battalion and shifting the crossing points, he enabled it not only to cross the river successfully, but also to work its way through the minefields and up the steep rocky ridges on the far bank. As a result it reached and held its objectives. Ling was awarded an immediate DSO.

Fergus Alan Humphrey Ling was born at Blackheath, the third of four sons of John Ling, who ran the family firm of civil engineers. He was educated at Stowe and Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Queen's Royal Regiment in 1934.

Ling was large and physically strong. He had a great sense of humour and was an amusing raconteur. A good games player, he represented Stowe at cricket and rugby, Sandhurst at cricket, athletics and fencing, and Wiltshire at cricket. His early service was in India with the regiment's 1st Battalion, where he gathered early staff experience as staff captain of the Allahabad Brigade, 1938-39.

Returning to England at the outbreak of war, he became Adjutant of 165 OCTU at Dunbar until posted to 2nd/5th Queens, who were part of the 169th Brigade of 56th (London) Division, destined for Iraq in August 1942. He missed all the desert fighting until towards the end of the Tunisian campaign when 169th Brigade drove 3,200 miles in a month from Iraq to Tunisia to take part in Montgomery's abortive attempt to breach the Enfidaville Line just south of Tunis. Ling was by then second-in-command of the battalion. It was unfortunately involved in the loss of Djebel Srafi, which drew the acid comment from Montgomery that "56th Division must have time to learn the ways of battle".

2nd/5th Queens, with Ling still second-in command, won its spurs during the fraught Salerno landings, the advance past Naples, the crossing of the Volturno and the battles for Monte Camino.

It was after the capture of Camino that Ling was promoted to command the battalion and carried through its hazardous crossing of the Garigliano. Thereafter, he lead 2nd/5th Queens through the intense fighting at Anzio, and at the Gothic Line in the autumn of 1944.

After the war Ling undertook a number of staff appointments: GSO 1 (Ops) in GHQ Middle East, 1945-46; British liaison officer to the US Infantry Centre, 1948-50; and Directing Staff at the Staff College, Camberley, 1951-53, before returning to command 5th Queens (TA), 1954-57.

In 1957 he became Assistant Military Secretary in the War Office, followed by command of 148th (North Midland) Brigade (TA) a year later. He then had a four-year spell as Deputy Adjutant General of HQ BAOR before being promoted major-general. Then, at a time of rationalisation of the UK command structure, he was, in quick succession, GOC 54th (East Anglian) Division; East Anglian District; and Eastern District, all covering much the same area of the country. He was appointed CBE in 1964 and CB in 1968.

When he retired in 1969 he devoted much of his time to county, Territorial Army and regimental affairs. He became Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey in 1970 and Vice Lord-Lieutenant in 1975. He was the chairman of Surrey's TA and ACF Committee and its SSAFA Committee. In 1971 he was delighted to be appointed regimental colonel of the new Queen's Regiment: the amalgamation of the two senior English Regiments of the Line — The Buffs dating from 1572 and The Queen's Royal Regiment from 1661. He also became the Services' Consultant to the Institute for the Study of Conflict.

He married Sheelah Phyllis Sarel in 1940. She and their two sons and three daughters survive him.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Stephen Abbott, Assistant Curate, Dereham and Scarning (Norwich): to be Team Vicar, Penistone and Thurlstone Team Ministry (Wakefield).

The Rev Allen Briscoe, Assistant Curate, St Mark's, Shiremoor (Newcastle): to be Vicar, St Peter's, Barnsley (Wakefield).

The Rev Alan Clements, Vicar, Felton: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Wallsend (Newcastle).

The Rev Robin Davill, Assistant Curate (NSM), Crayke w Brandsby and Yearsley, w special responsibility for Brandsby: to have informal responsibility for Crayke w Brandsby and Yearsley for a period of two years, pending negotiations regarding re-organisation within the Easingwold deanery (York).

The Rev Mary Dawson, Assistant Curate, Holy Cross, Shrewsbury (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-charge, Glentworth group of parishes (Lincoln).

The Rev Canon Frank Dexter, Vicar, St George, Jesmond: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Hilda, Jesmond (Newcastle).

The Rev Nicholas Garrard, Curate, Eaton: to be Vicar, St Thomas, Heigham (Norwich).

The Rev Brian Hurst, Team Vicar, Willington, in charge of Battle Hill: to be Vicar, Holy Spirit, Denton (Newcastle).

The Rev Canon Eric James: to be an Extra Chaplain to HM the Queen on his reaching the age of retirement as a chaplain.

The Rev David Lee, Priest-in-charge, Sheriff Hutton and Farlington, and Secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Council (York): to have informal responsibility for Stillington w Marton and Moxby for two years pending negotiations regarding reorganisation within Easingwold deanery.

The Rev Michael Lowe, Vicar, All Saints', Branksome Park, Poole (Salisbury): to be Curate, Christchurch, w responsibility for All Saints', Mudeford (Winchester).

The Rev Jane Morris, Assistant Curate, St Michael-le-Belfrey, York (York): to be Associate Minister of St George's, Leeds (Ripon).

The Rev James Muston, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mary, Chaddesden (Derby): to be Assistant Priest and Community Minister St Andrew w St Luke and All Saints', Grimsby (Lincoln).

The Rev Catherine Ogle, Religious Affairs Editor, BBC Radio Leeds, and Associate Priest, St Margaret and All Hallows', Leeds (Ripon): to be Priest-in-charge, Woolley and West Bretton and Editor of *The Spark*, the Wakefield diocesan newspaper.

The Rev Margaret Parsons, Priest-in-charge, Tidworth, Lodgershall and Faberstown (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-charge, Withern and Reston, and Coastal Holiday Chaplain (Lincoln).

The Rev John Pavey, Rector, Fishtoft St Guthlac: to be Priest-in-charge, St Luke, Birchwood (Lincoln).

The Rev Rhys Prosser, Team Vicar, St Nicholas, Great Coates: to be Priest-in-charge, Saxilby, Ingoldby, Broxholme, Newton upon Trent and Kettlethorpe (Lincoln).

The Rev Andrew Smith, Curate, Stourport-on-Severn and Wilden: to be Team Vicar, St George's, Redditch, in the Ridge Team Ministry (Worcester).

The Rev Peter Stephens, Priest-in-charge, High Oak: to be also Rural Dean of Humbleyard (Norwich).

The Rev Christopher Wilson, Assistant Curate, South Lafford group of parishes: to be Priest-in-charge, Billingborough, Sempringham w Pointon and Birthorpe, Horbling (Lincoln).

ON THIS DAY

May 15, 1940

The setting up of Local Defence Volunteers, announced on this day, was sure of a welcome as letters advocating something similar were already pouring into The Times

PARACHUTISTS IN DISGUISE

The following is a further selection from a very large number of letters on this subject:

Sir, If the Germans can drop parachutists under different disguises all over Belgium, Holland, and France, there is no reason why they should not do the same over this country. The object of these invaders is to create terror and commit acts of sabotage in town and country. Not a moment should be lost in preparing a means of defence. Every town and village should have a posse of defenders. Fortunately there are in the British Legion many old soldiers who can be relied on to rally to the defence of the country, and who would be invaluable at the present time of crisis. No doubt the Government will take immediate steps to put the necessary machinery in motion to meet this danger. The first step would seem to be to get in touch with the British Legion in every county, and to invite all those who are willing to do so to volunteer.

Yours faithfully,

C. ADEANE

His Majesty's Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire

Sir, Every able-bodied man in the country up to 60 years of age who is not in one of the fighting forces should be taught to handle and use a rifle. In a short time we should have a large force of what might be called "National Guards" who, under competent direction, would be of great use in a sudden emergency against parachutists and air raiders and attempts at landing on our coasts. Armlets with a suitable badge, with or without a special tunic, should be issued to those who pass their test, which should include some elementary training in drill and practice in shooting from behind cover. In certain cases they should be permitted to keep their rifles and ammunition in their own homes, as in Switzerland, and suitable allowances should be paid to cover transport and other expenses. Let us remember the example set for centuries by our forefathers in taking care that everybody learned to shoot with the bow, and do the same with the rifle.

Yours faithfully,

SYDNEY KING-FARLOW

Sir, We are constantly told that the Germans are going to drop men by parachute in our back gardens, though I should not like to do anything of the kind myself. But do you not think, Sir, that people like myself who have shot, indifferently it is true, in many parts of the world should be supplied by the Government with a rifle and ammunition? I don't say that I would hit the "kamerad" as he was descending — "that were too much" — but I would give a good account of him when he got into my potato bed. As things are I should have to go for him with a rolling-pin.

I am, Sir, yours &c.,

W. A. J. ARCHBOLD

Into the jungle by hovercraft

Peter Strafford introduces a special report on a journey to help the underprivileged in the Central American state

In a few days' time, most probably on May 21, an unusual expedition will set off from Bluefields, a small port on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua. Two British hovercraft, loaded with young volunteers from this country, will swoop south along the coast, past the swamps and the dense, tropical jungles. They will then turn up the river San Juan, cross lakes Nicaragua and Managua, and pull up on shore 12 days later in Managua, the capital.

On their way they will stop in small coastal settlements to meet local people. On May 27, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, the President of Nicaragua, who is a patron of the expedition, will come aboard the bigger of the two hovercraft at the old fort of El Castillo. She will spend a day travelling up and down the river before disembarking in San Carlos.

For the participants, all members of Latin Link, a missionary group based in London, it will be an exotic adventure. But it will be more than that, because the expedition has the very practical objective of helping to improve the quality of life in an exceptionally poor part of Nicaragua. It will do this partly by showing that a hovercraft is an ideal craft for navigating the waterways of Nicaragua, big and small, and partly by launching a three-year programme of development projects.

During that time Latin Link members will help to build primary schools in remote villages, train villagers in preventive medicine, give instruction in growing cash crops, and try to lay the foundations of a tourist industry that will arrange trips into the jungles of eastern Nicaragua. At the end of the programme they will leave the two hovercraft behind, donated by their sponsors.

The leader of this month's expedition, and of the three-year programme, will be Sqn Ldr Michael Cole, an energetic former RAF officer who has organised similar expeditions round the world. He has taken hovercraft up the Kali Gandak river in Nepal, the Apurimac in Peru, the Yangtze in China, and the Fly Delta in Papua New Guinea, each time with the aim of bringing practical help to backward areas.

"The objective of the Nicaragua expedition," Sqn Ldr Cole says, "is to be a group of encouragers to people who are deeply discouraged by the civil war and turbulence they have experienced in recent years. It is an opportunity for Britain to help, because of the difficult relationship the Nicaraguan people have with the United States."

Nicaragua has certainly had a tumultuous history. Over the past 60 years it has had the dictatorship of the Somoza family, the 1979 revolution by the Left-wing Sandinistas, the internal fighting between the Sandinista Government and the Contra rebels and, since 1990, a democratically elected government headed by Señora Chamorro.

Testing the water: members of Latin Link prepare the way. On the right, President Chamorro, a patron, and Horatio Nelson, a precursor

The main focus of the hovercraft expedition will be the eastern edge of the country, which is known as the Mosquito Coast or, less often but more properly, the Miskito Coast since it is named after the Miskito people who live there. It is a remote and backward area of jungle, swamps and narrow waterways which has its own distinct character, not least because it was once ruled by Britain and still has English as a principal language.

One of the attractions for Latin Link is that it will be following in the steps of British adventurers, sailors, traders and administrators, who were active in and around the Mosquito Coast in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries — the region was only formally handed over to Nicaragua in 1894 — but with the difference that it has wholly peaceful intentions.

The most famous of the sailors was the young Horatio Nelson, who at the age of 21 led an expedition up the San Juan river in 1780, when Nicaragua was still part of the Spanish Empire, only to run into disaster at El Castillo. It is said to have been his only known defeat. There is a British cemetery at Greytown, or San Juan del Norte, near the mouth of the San Juan, which was much used in those distant days.

Another claim to fame is that, long before the Panama canal was even thought of, travellers who wanted to cross the Central American isthmus between the Atlantic and the Pacific made their way across Nicaragua. The route was up the San Juan, across Lake Nicaragua, and then by land over the narrow strip of land between the lake and the Pacific.

That was the route taken by many of those heading for California during and after the 1849 Gold Rush: and for many years a Nicaragua canal was seen as an alternative to one across Panama. Dredging work even began in the lower reaches of the San Juan to make it deep enough for large ships.

All this history has not done much, however, for the inhabitants of the Mosquito Coast, who have remained poor, largely because of the appallingly difficult communications with the western part of Nicaragua, where the main cities, Managua, Leon and Granada, are. It is still not possible, for instance, to reach Bluefields by road from Managua, and river transport is made difficult by the rapids in the San Juan.

The hope is that the hovercraft expedition will show the way to improve communications and raise the standard of living. One source of inspiration is a book about the region, *The Naked Feet of Nicaragua*, written by Señora Chamorro's late husband, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, a leader of the opposition to the Somoza dictatorship, who was assassinated in 1978.

Latin Link, too, has its roots in the last century, when missionaries began to be active in Latin America. Its present activities began in 1986, when Sqn Ldr Cole left the RAF early and set up a programme called Short Term Experience Projects (STEP) for young volunteers. Since then it has completed more than 130 projects in different parts of Latin America, several of them in Nicaragua.

The use of hovercraft will transform what such volunteers can do: by providing a "hoverdoctor" service for people who are ill, for instance. Hovercraft are effective because they can not only travel up and down the rivers, but can navigate rapids, shallows and dried-up riverbeds, like that of the Tipitapa, between lakes Nicaragua and Managua, as well as pulling up on to the banks. That is what the expedition is intended to prove.

Off to improve our world

Harold Briley on those who will take part in the expedition

The pivotal organisation for the Nicaragua expedition is Latin Link, a London-based charity and Christian mission agency. From its headquarters in Kennington Park Road, in south-east London, it has over the past ten years mobilised 1,500 young Britons, aged from 17 to 35, who have set up 130 community projects in South and Central America.

They call themselves Steppers, since they are taking part in Latin Link's Short Term Experience Projects (STEP), whose director is Sqn Ldr Michael Cole. STEP's work dovetails neatly into Sqn Ldr Cole's hovercraft expeditions.

The STEP programme goes back to 1985, when Sqn Ldr Cole raised a team of volunteers to answer a plea from victims of terrorist violence in Peru to build them a safe sanctuary. It was named the "Peace and Hope Camp". Since then, the programme has grown greatly, relying on donations from churches and the public. Its activities are directed to the poor of Latin America and, in addition to their work with bricks and mortar, the volunteers aim to build goodwill for this country in a region receiving comparatively little British development or charity aid.

Steppers each raise £1,500 to finance between six weeks and six months of work abroad. Some get leave of absence from study or leave their jobs. They spend their working hours on building sites, and at weekends share their Christian beliefs with the young locals in shantytown churches or Bible classes.

In Nicaragua, they have set up schools, adult education centres, and pig-breeding and other agricultural projects. Elsewhere, they have run a feeding centre for street children and a rehabilitation centre for prisoners with Aids in Buenos Aires, built orphanages and a shelter for street girls in Bolivia, and provided shantytown day-care centres and schoolrooms in Brazil. They have built low-cost housing for displaced people in Mexico City, and for refugee families in Peru.

For the Steppers, it is not a one-way street, since they, too, derive benefit from their experiences. "Team members select themselves," says Nick Cole, Sqn Ldr Cole's son, who helps his father full-time in Latin Link, and will be Project Officer on the expedition. "The key quality is commitment.

"We interact with the young people of the countries we work in. Many want to join the exodus to the riches of the United States.

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- *Harold Briley is a former BBC Latin America Correspondent.*

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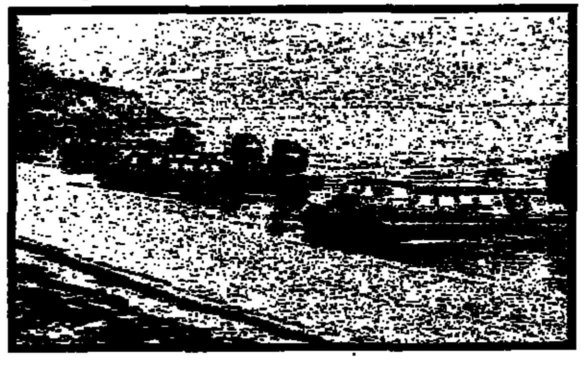

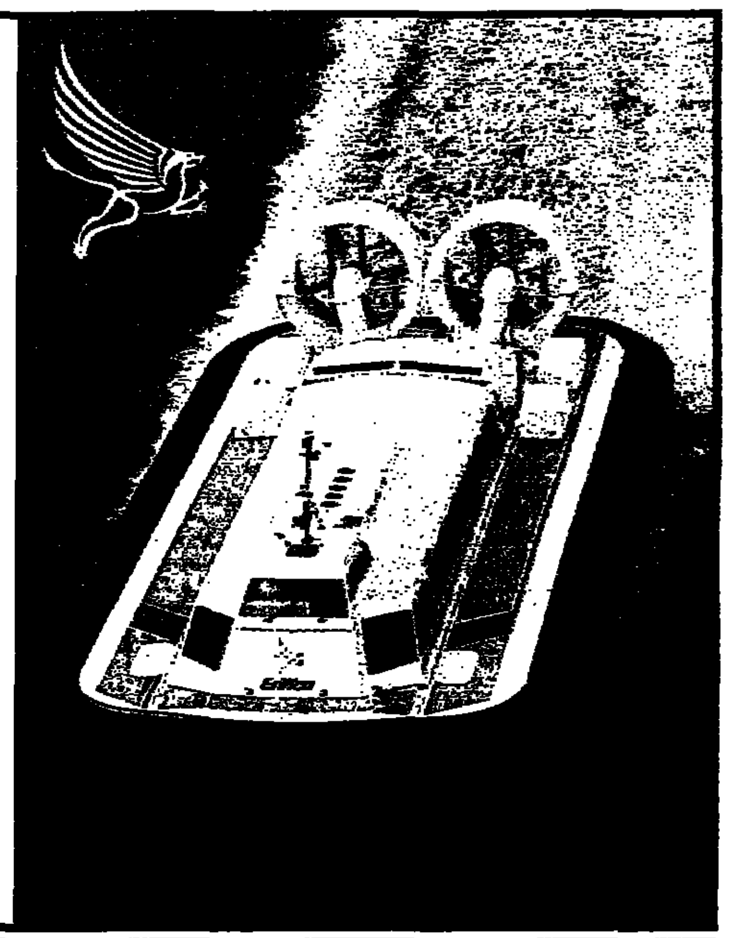

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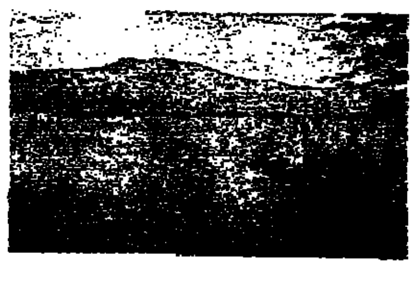

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New skills for a neglected area

The volunteers will help people to earn a living, **Tunku Varadarajan** reports

THE HOVERCRAFT project has touched an emotional chord in a country which has known little other than repression, revolution and civil war in its bitter modern history. Not only does it aim to bring a better quality of life to people who inhabit a large swath of Nicaragua, the largely undeveloped Miskito area; it accords also with the vision for his country of Pedro Joaquín Chamorro, the late husband of President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, who has given it her support.

Señor Chamorro, a brave and trenchant critic of the erstwhile Somoza regime — for which he paid with his life — described the eastern coastal region, consistently neglected by the regime in Managua, as "the naked feet" of Nicaragua. He campaigned vigorously, but with scant success, for more consideration to be given to the largely English-speaking Caribbean region.

The hovercraft project seeks, in its own humble way, to bring the advantages of modern technology, skills and medicine to the Miskito area — which was brought to life for people in this country in Salman Rushdie's *The Jaguar Smile*. Sqn Ldr Michael Cole, the project leader, reveals that he was "overwhelmed, even a little embarrassed" by the enthusiasm and fervour of the response to the scheme in Nicaragua.

He laments that the British Government has failed to assist him in financial and material ways. "All we ask for is that our Government match the sum which we have raised ourselves through the efforts of young volunteers," he says. "Is £175,000 too much to hope for?" The Government has given Latin Link its "moral support", but money, clearly, would be as welcome.

But the project has inched forward, regardless, and its aims are as essential as they are straightforward, according to Sqn Ldr Cole: medical, educational and economic. For example, the Latin Link team plans to provide an extended medical service to the isolated communities in the riverine areas of the Caribbean coast. To this end, it has the imprimatur and full co-operation of the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health.

This programme will largely involve the provision of primary and preventive health care, but the team has stressed that it will also provide treatment for snakebite, the cause of numerous fatalities in this snake-infested area. The team's medical director will be Dr Rachel Pinniger, who has extensive experience of other successful "hoverdoctor" projects in such places as Nepal, Peru, China and Papua New Guinea.

The aim is to create a "hoverdoctor" link between a network of health outposts and central hospitals in the region. The importance of this cannot be exaggerated: project members report that residents in remote areas have sometimes had to wait for up to a year for a doctor to pay his visit.

Meanwhile 24 young STEP volunteers, comprising 22 Britons and two Germans, are already building a school at Bluefields, the capital of the province. In addition, they are building a centre which will give part-time instruction to local farmers. As many as six schools in this predominantly English-speaking area, which is culturally more akin to Belize than it is to the rest of Nicaragua, already owe their existence to the endeavours of Latin Link.

The project's aims are educational, medical and economic

Of as great import as the medical and educational objectives is the desire of the hovercraft team to create a climate in the region which would be conducive to the generation of an independent income by the impoverished local people. An early priority is the establishment of a pig-breeding centre where farmers can be taught the first principles of pig husbandry.

Furthermore, by improving access to areas hitherto beyond the reach of most travellers, the hovercraft project hopes eventually to construct a basis for careful eco-tourism.

Sqn Ldr Cole stresses that he and his colleagues are committed to cementing the benefits of this path-breaking project by training Nicaraguans to operate and maintain the two hovercraft. Total charge would be handed over to them in 1998.

Jobs needed on the coast

John Otis on a region rich in fish, minerals and timber but suffering from illiteracy and unemployment

Billboards in Bluefields, the main town on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, known as the Mosquito Coast, are printed in the Miskito Indian language instead of Spanish, and so is political propaganda. Anglicans outnumber Roman Catholics. Reggae rather than salsa echoes from the *cantinas*.

The coast almost seems like a separate country from the rest of Nicaragua. It is populated by Creoles, three distinct Indian cultures, and mixed-blood mestizos, and it is also one of the few areas in Central America where indigenous groups have attained partial self-rule.

It is home to just 5 per cent of Nicaragua's four million people, but it accounts for half of the country's territory and is rich in timber, minerals and fishing shelves.

Despite such advantages, however, the Mosquito Coast remains an underdeveloped backwater. It has been virtually ignored by successive governments. Legitimate jobs are scarce, and drug smuggling has become the new scourge. "People here feel they have been abandoned," Carlos Cabezas, a legal adviser to the regional governing council, says.

A vast expanse of swamp, savannah and rain forest, the coast was settled long ago by Miskito Indians, who migrated there from South America, and more recently by blacks from Jamaica and British pirates. In the 1700s the British authorities established control over the region, and ruled through a series of Miskito Indian "kings" who pledged loyalty to the Crown.

The British gradually withdrew in the 1860s, after Nicaragua had gained its independence from Spain, but their cultural legacy lives on. Villages of wooden stilt houses shaded by coconut palms and mango trees resemble hamlets in other former colonies. The annual festival on the Corn Islands, 40 miles off the coast and a popular resort, features horse-racing and cricket. The coming of spring is celebrated in Bluefields with a Maypole dance.

The Somoza family, which ruled Nicaragua for 43 years, from 1936 to 1979, paid little attention to the coast. But all that changed when the Sandinistas came to power in 1979. There were violent incidents between Sandinista troops and Miskitos, followed by the Sandinistas' forced evacuation of thousands of Indians from their villages along the Honduran border. The conflict quickly snowballed into war, as the Indians fled into the jungle and took up arms offered by the CIA.

To quell the uprising, the Sandinista Government passed an autonomy law. The statute is broadly worded, providing for local leaders to play a larger role in government and for the coast to receive a fair share of the region's wealth.

The measure succeeded in ending the fighting, some years before the Contra rebels ended their war in western Nicaragua. But it has proved to be a largely symbolic law. Few of the business profits generated in the region have ever been reinvested there. As a result, the area suffers from rundown infrastructure, widespread illiteracy and 60 per cent under and unemployment.

There is no road between Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, and Bluefields, the largest town on the coast. State industries have been privatised and timber and fishing concessions have been handed out by the central government with little input from local leaders. Governing councils have no authority to collect taxes.

"The shrimps, lobster and fish are going out of the place, and we don't get any benefit from it," says Carlota Blanford, aged 76, as she sits on her front porch overlooking the ocean. "It's like we are not able to handle our own business, and it shouldn't be like that."

"The people are angry because it turns out that there is no autonomy," William Schwartz, a Sandinista leader in Bluefields, says.

When the war ended and the Sandinistas were ousted in the 1990 elections, many observers expected the economy to rebound. But instead, the main growth industry has been drug trafficking. Colombian smugglers have begun using the Atlantic sea lanes off Nicaragua — and other Central American countries — as a route for drug shipments to the United States. It has become known as the "cocaine coast".

Such activities were virtually impossible during the war, but now the under-manned coastguard has just two vessels to patrol the area. Meanwhile poverty is driving more and more Nicaraguans into the trade, and that has, in turn, created new addicts and corrupted local institutions.

"It is the Colombians taking advantage of the region's poverty," Señor Cabezas says. "When you are starving, drug smuggling is what most people do." In March a Nicaraguan fishing boat was captured with 1,400kg (1.4 tonnes) of cocaine. One street in Bluefields is known as "crack lane", in which a rock of the cocaine derivative sells for $1, about one-tenth of the going price in the United States.

Other families survive by fishing or depend on remittances sent from relatives in the United States. "Every house has someone working in the United States or on cruise ships in the Caribbean," Cyril Omeir, president of the regional electoral council, says.

Despite the many recent setbacks, however, there are some promising signs for the Mosquito Coast. Two months ago, the Atlantic Coast University opened its door in Bluefields, giving students from the region a chance to pursue higher education without leaving home.

In addition, while the autonomy law is flawed, it has given coastal Indians — some 80,000 Miskitos, 7,000 Sumos and 800 Ramas — a new sense of pride in their heritage. In contrast, Indian cultures in nearby El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica have all but disappeared.

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Fish market: natural resources have not brought wealth to the Mosquito Coast region

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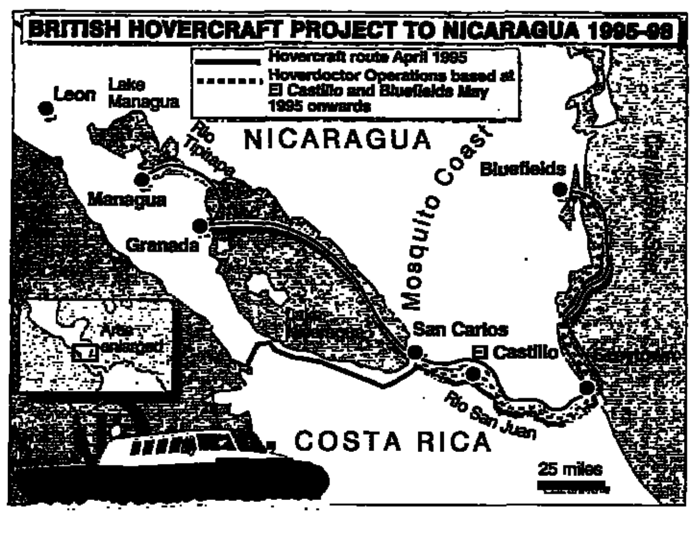

An adventurer with a purpose

Sqn Ldr Michael Cole, who is leading the expedition, is not easy to catch up with, **Harold Briley** writes

Any time in the past 20 years you could have bumped into Sqn Ldr Michael Cole in some of the remotest places on Earth — if you could have got there. Sqn Ldr Cole lives in the quiet village of Linton, in Herefordshire, but he is seldom at home with his feet up, as you might expect in a man aged 60. He is an explorer extraordinary with a zeal for getting to inaccessible places.

Sqn Ldr Cole's motto is "adventure with a purpose", and his method is by hovercraft. His motivation is Christianity, with the accent on practical help for the poorest of peoples.

I tried unsuccessfully to reach him in 1982 on a tributary of the Amazon called the Apurimac. He was in the Peruvian jungle, in the heartland of the cocaine mafia and Sendero Luminoso, the Maoist terrorist movement. Next, he was 16,000 ft up in the Chinese Himalayas searching for the source of the River Yangtze — then a raging torrent with snow 18ft thick on both banks. He sent a prophetic message: "You won't reach me." Then it was Papua New Guinea's vast Fly River delta.

This month, Sqn Ldr Cole is hovercrafting through Nicaragua, with a taskforce of young Britons and veteran professionals, hovercraft pilots and engineers, and an experienced Third World doctor.

While he was still in the RAF, Sqn Ldr Cole organised physical training, but he took leave to deliver a water drilling-rig to famine-stricken Ethiopia. He began his love affair with the hovercraft on a humanitarian medical mission to the violent Kali Gandaki River in Nepal — "the Goddess of Death" in local legend, as he recounts in his book, *Journey to the Fourth World*.

The hovercraft, Sqn Ldr Cole believes, is under-used in the developing world, since it has a unique capability of reaching places that no other craft can; and he has tested the hovercraft to its limits, in extreme conditions.

Obstacles there always are in plenty: terrain, climate, natural dangers, bureaucracy, not to mention the logistics of transferring equipment, supplies and people across the world, up mountains and into jungle. But he maintains a nonchalant optimism in the face of frustration, battling for months, and sometimes years, to mount these projects and sustain them in adversity.

His model, he says, is the explorer, David Livingstone, who declared: "Sympathy is no substitute for action."

The turning point in Sqn Ldr Cole's career came in 1985. He was involved in Operation Raleigh, the British scheme which takes young people abroad on adventure journeys, and responded to a plea to help refugees fleeing from terrorism in the Peruvian Andes. He recruited 15 British teenagers, including his own son and daughter, to provide shelter and assistance, and was inspired by the experience.

The following year he left the RAF, after 25 years, in response to a challenge from David Milnes, a missionary doctor and Second World War hero, to create opportunities for young people to help the world's poor.

Why does he do it? He showed me a picture of native children in the Amazon, their huge brown eyes staring quizzically at their visitors from another world. "There's a plea in the eyes of those children," he said. "We in the West have our butter mountains and our milk lakes, while children are dying because they don't have enough to eat and drink."

In the Yangtze and Amazon, Sqn Ldr Cole's hovercraft got vaccines to children who were previously unreachable. "Children," he says, "wherever they are, have a right to be vaccinated against killer diseases whatever the political problems of the day."

What about his Christian beliefs? "Yes, Christianity is my motivation, but it's Christianity in action. I'm persuaded by my Christian convictions that we in the West, with so many of the good things of life, should be sharing with others across cultural divides."

In Herefordshire, Sqn Ldr Cole is a pillar of the local Baptist Church, where his wife, Jackie, has been the Minister's assistant. His daughter, Carolyn, works in Brazil helping destitute street children. His son, Nick, a Cambridge graduate, is his right-hand man on the Nicaraguan expedition and also at Latin Link, the London-based Christian charity.

Sqn Ldr Cole believes in motivating young people to get involved. His achievement is not just the thriving projects he has set up in remote places, but his long-term strategy of training and encouraging young people to take over and continue this work. "I see it as my task," he says, "to pass on the concept of purposeful adventure to the next generation."

Squadron Leader Michael Cole says he has seen the plea for help in children's eyes

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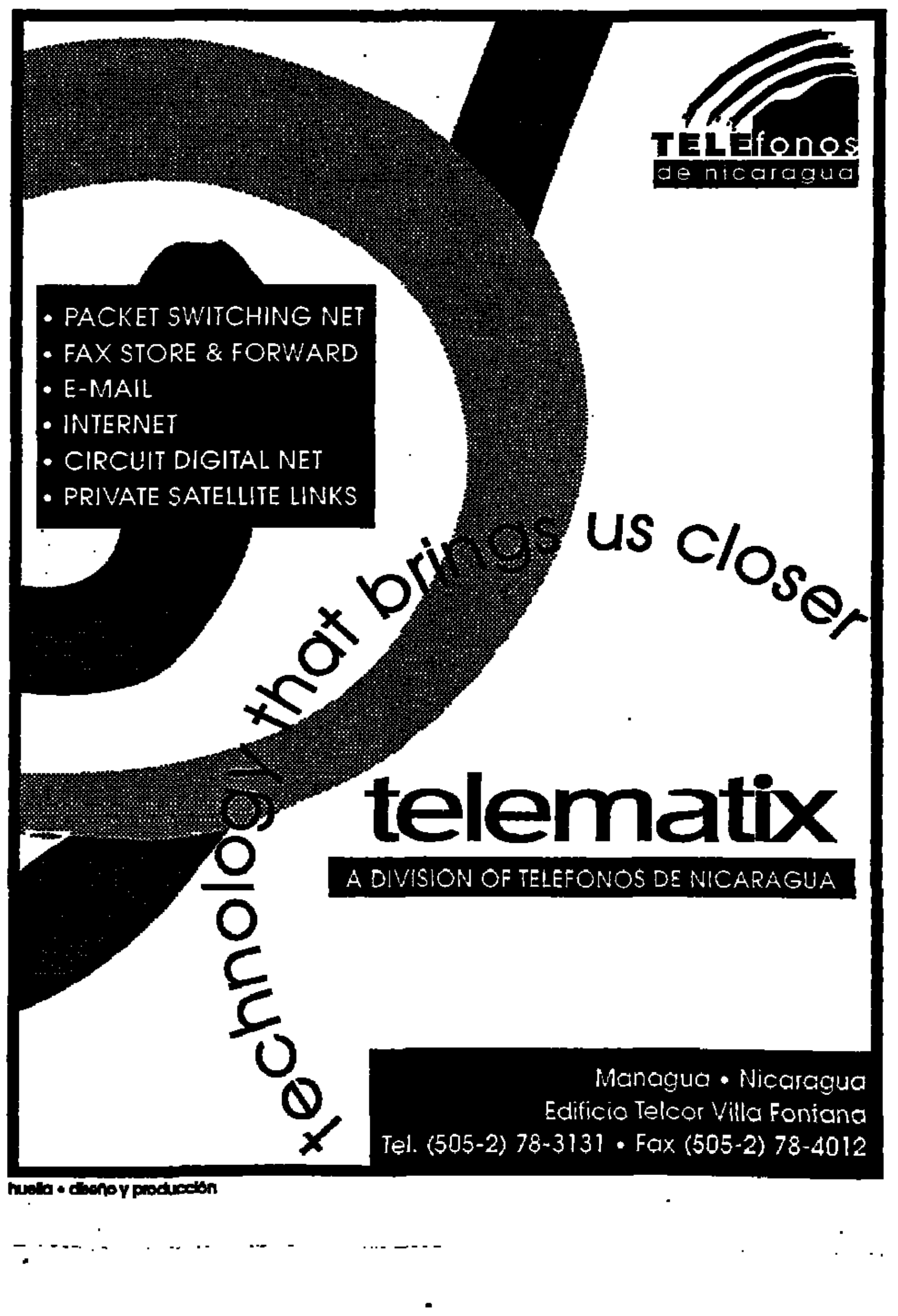
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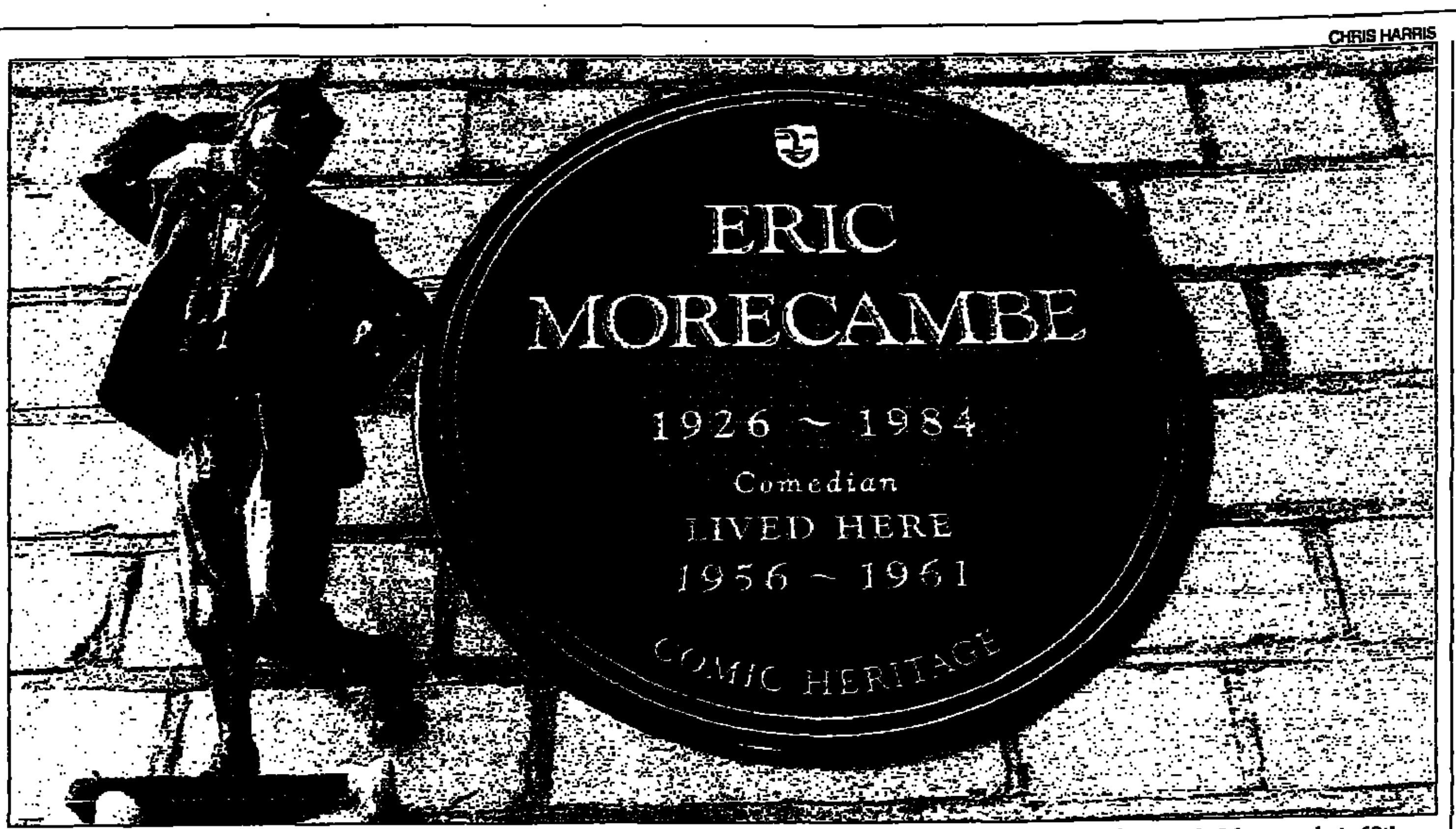

Comedienne Victoria Wood unveiled this plaque in Finchley, north London, yesterday, on what would have been Eric Morecambe's 69th birthday. The statuette of the comedian is featured in a campaign to establish a National Museum of Comedy in Morecambe, Lancashire

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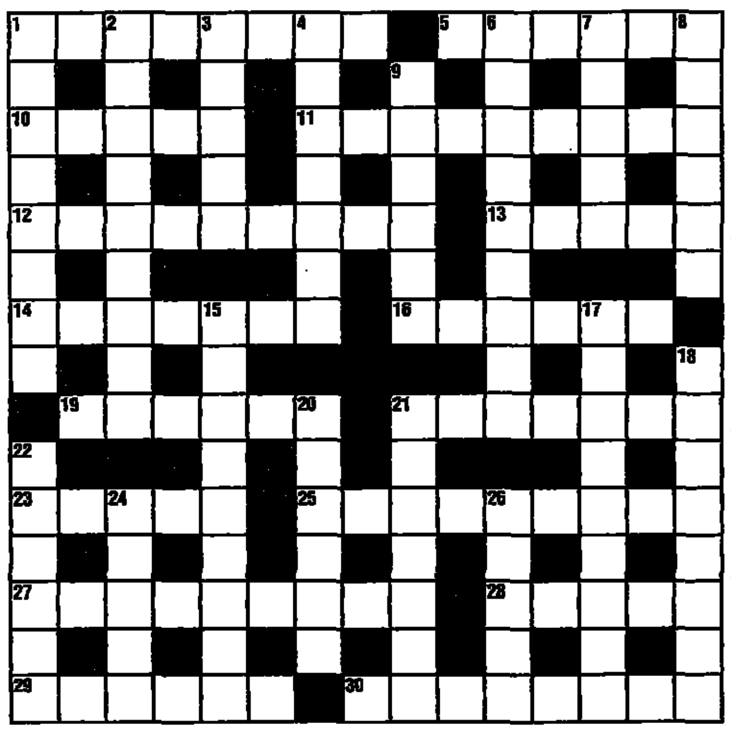

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,854 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Teignmouth, Devon, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0.24in; **highest sunshine:** Liverpool, 14hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** most of England and Wales will have a bright morning with some sunshine but showers will bubble up in northern areas. Southern counties will cloud over in the afternoon with outbreaks of rain later. Temperatures will be much as yesterday but generally winds will be lighter.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunshine and showers, wintry in the north with snow on the hills. Most inland areas will be dry at first and daytime showers will die out later. With a frosty start, it will remain rather cold for mid-May.

☐ **London, SE, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England:** sunny start, rain from west later. Wind south becoming east light or moderate. Max 14C-15C (57F-59F).

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, Wales:** sunny spells, more cloudy later. Isolated showers. Wind southwest becoming southeast light. Max 12C-14C (54F-57F).

☐ **E, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, N Ireland:** rather cloudy, some sunshine, but also showers. Wind variable or northeast light. Max 11C-13C (52F-55F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** sunny start, showers developing for a time. Wind northwest or variable, light. Max 10C-12C (50F-54F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny *or clear intervals and wintry showers*, snow on hills. Wind northwest light or moderate. Max 7C-9C (45F-48F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain at times in the south; sunshine and showers in the north. Temperatures still mostly below normal.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.5	0.06	8	46	h	London	9.5	-	13	55	s
Anglesey	13.9	-	12	54	s	Lowestoft	10.2	-	16	61	sh
Aspatria	5.5	0.22	10	50	sh	Manchester	X	-	13	55	s
Aviemore	*8.4*	*0.22*	*7*	*45*	*sn*	*Margate*	*12.9*	-	*15*	*59*	*s*
Belfast	6.9	0.13	11	52	h	Minehead	12.6	-	12	54	s
Birmingham	9.7	-	13	55	b	Morecambe	9.5	-	11	52	b
Bognor R	11.0	-	13	55	s	Newcastle	4.2	0.24	9	48	sh
Bournem'th	X					Newquay	12.8	-	12	54	s
Bristol	7.9	-	13	55	b	Norwich	11.7	-	12	54	b
Buxton	9.0	-	10	50	b	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	11.1	-	13	55	s	Oxford	8.9	-	13	55	s
Clacton	7.3	-	13	55	s	Penzance	12.3	-	13	55	s
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	6.0	-	12	54	b
Colwyn Bay	12.0	-	13	55	s	Poole	7.2	-	15	59	b
Cromer	X					Prestatyn	X	-	13	55	s
Doncaster	8.4	-	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	6.8	-	13	55	s
Edinburgh	7.1	-	10	50	sh	Ryde	8.5	-	13	55	b
Eskdalemuir	3.2	0.10	9	48	sh	Salcombe	5.5	-	13	55	s
Exmouth	X					Sandown	10.8	-	14	57	s
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Sauntn Snd	10.9	-	13	55	s
Fishguard	12.1	-	10	50	s	Scarboro'	5.5	0.19	9	48	r
Folkestone	12.2	-	13	55	s	Scilly Isles	X				
Glasgow	5.2	0.01	11	52	c	Shanklin	X				
Guernsey	13.9	-	14	57	s	Shrewsbury	9.9	-	13	55	b
Hastings	11.5	-	13	55	s	Skegness	12.0	-	13	55	c
Hayling I.	10.1	-	14	57	s	Southend	X	-	13	55	b
Herne Bay	12.1	-	14	57	s	Southport	13.8	-	11	52	s
Hove	8.6	0.01	13	55	b	Southsea	10.0	-	13	55	s
Hunstanton	9.6	-	13	55	s	Stornoway	7.1	0.03	8	46	h
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	9.1	-	13	55	s
Isle of Man	10.3	0.02	12	54	b	Teignmouth	4.2	-	12	54	c
Jersey	14.2	-	15	59	s	Tenby	9.4	-	13	55	s
Kinloss	7.6	0.18	8	46	sh	Tiree	6.5	0.07	8	46	s
Leeds	7.5	-	12	54	b	Torquay	X				
Lerwick	8.6	0.18	7	45	sn	Tynemouth	X				
Leuchars	8.4	0.12	11	52	sh	Ventnor	11.8	-	13	55	s
Littlehmptn	X					West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	12.2	-	11	52	s	Weymouth	7.3	-	13	55	b

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Corfu	19	66	f	Majorca	20	68	s	Riyadh	35	95	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Dublin	11	52	f	Malaga	20	68	s	Rome	16	61	c
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	15	59	f	Malta	20	68	s	Salzburg	7	45	c
Algiers	23	73	s	Faro	23	73	s	Melb'rne	14	57	f	S F'risco	12	54	c
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Florence	15	59	f	Mexico C	26	79	s	Santiago	16	61	s
Athens	*25*	*77*	*s*	*Frankfurt*	*9*	*48*	*c*	*Miami*	*32*	*90*	*s*	*Seoul*	*13*	*55*	*f*
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	20	68	s	Milan	17	63	f	Sing'por	33	91	t
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	8	46	c	Montreal	19	66	f	St'kholm	1	34	sl
Barbados	30	86	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Moscow	18	64	c	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Barcelona	16	61	s	Helsinki	1	34	sl	Munich	6	43	r	Sydney	22	72	s
Beirut	24	75	f	Hong K	29	84	f	Nairobi	22	72	c	Tangier	25	77	s
Belgrade	13	55	r	Innsbrck	9	48	c	Naples	15	59	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Berlin	10	50	r	Istanbul	24	75	s	N Delhi	41	10	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Bermuda	21	70	r	Jeddah	35	95	s	N York	22	72	c	Tokyo	21	70	c
Biarritz	15	59	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Nice	17	63	s	Toronto	18	64	s
Borde'x	14	57	s	Karachi	37	99	s	Oslo	5	41	sn	Tunis	22	72	f
Brussels	11	52	f	L Palmas	22	72	s	Paris	12	54	c	Valencia	20	68	s
Budapest	10	50	f	Le Tquet	12	54	f	Peking	21	70	s	Vanc'ver	15	59	s
B Aires	21	70	c	Lisbon	21	70	f	Perth	18	64	f	Venice	18	64	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Locarno	17	63	c	Prague	7	45	c	Vienna	10	50	c
Cape Tn	29	84	s	L Angels	17	63	f	Reykjavik	3	37	s	Warsaw	7	45	r
Chicago	16	61	c	Luxembg	9	48	c	Rhodes	25	77	s	Wash'ton	24	75	t
Cologne	10	50	c	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	c
C'phagn	7	45	r	Madrid	20	68	f	Rio de J	22	72	f	Zurich	7	45	c

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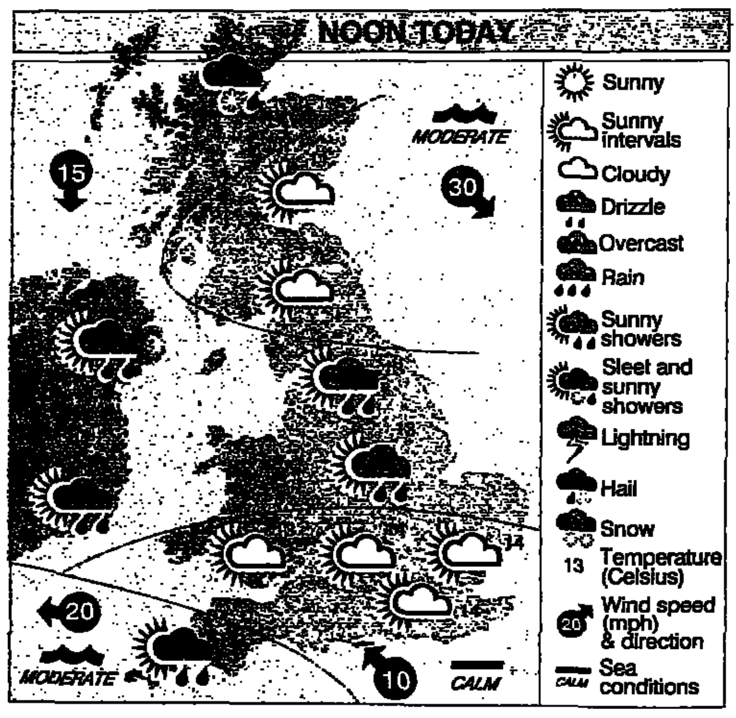
NOON TODAY



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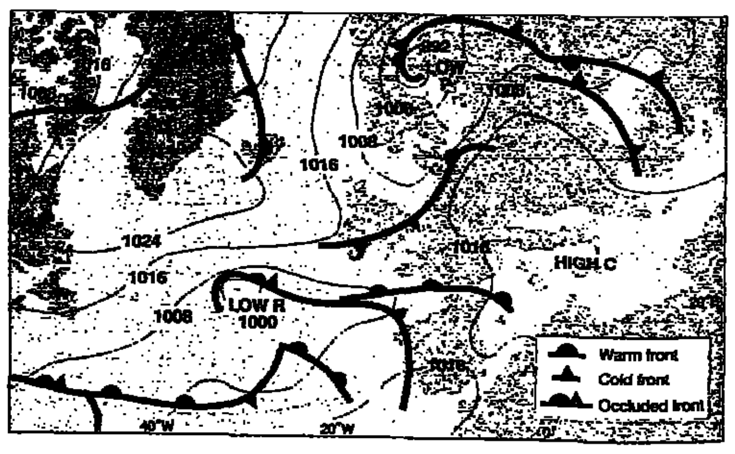

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.34	7.34	2.04	7.38	Leith	2.23	5.75	2.49	5.94
Aberdeen	1.11	4.29	1.32	4.43	Liverpool	11.15	9.90	11.38	9.96
Avonmouth	7.11	13.80	7.34	14.01	Lowestoft	9.29	2.55	9.47	2.59
Belfast	11.00	3.60	11.24	3.56	Margate	–	–	0.13	4.91
Cardiff	7.08	12.26	7.33	12.40	Milford Haven	6.07	7.27	6.30	7.37
Devonport	6.49	5.48	6.12	5.59	Newquay	4.59	7.15	5.21	7.18
Dover	10.52	6.79	11.15	6.82	Oban	5.36	4.03	6.00	4.06
Dublin	11.39	4.30	11.51	4.31	Penzance	4.34	5.52	4.58	5.60
Falmouth	5.00	5.38	5.21	5.35	Portland	6.53	2.17	7.20	2.25
Glasgow	0.49	4.57	10.36	3.75	Portsmouth	11.25	4.81	11.47	4.91
Harwich	11.59	4.12	–	–	Shoreham	11.18	6.40	11.39	6.55
Holyhead	10.16	5.83	10.37	5.89	Southampton	10.47	4.68	11.09	4.81
Hull	6.12	7.59	6.33	7.80	Swansea	6.14	9.79	6.37	9.94
Ilfracombe	5.53	9.53	6.18	9.70	Tees	3.27	5.58	3.53	5.61
King's Lynn	6.11	7.09	6.31	7.27	W'ton-on-Nze	11.51	4.43	–	–

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.10 am
Sun sets: 8.45 pm
Moon sets 5.41 am
Moon rises 9.41 pm

London 8.45 pm to 5.08 am
Bristol 8.55 pm to 5.18 am
Edinburgh 9.18 pm to 4.59 am
Manchester 9.02 pm to 5.08 am
Penzance 9.01 pm to 5.35 am

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TIMES SPORT

MONDAY MAY 15 1995

The Blackburn Rovers players celebrate their Premiership success at Anfield yesterday after winning the title by a point. Blackburn lost to Liverpool, but Manchester United failed to beat West Ham

Dalglish's side crowned champions despite defeat

Blackburn take title role

Liverpool 2
Blackburn Rovers 1

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IN THE end there was dignity and honour on the final day and in the final tense moments of the FA Carling Premiership. There was a full house of 40,014, bathed in sunshine at Anfield, to see that Liverpool's much depleted side still had the integrity and the anger to prove, in their manager's words, that it was "absolute rubbish" to suggest that they would lie down and allow Kenny Dalglish and his Rovers to take the championship from Manchester United.

Lie down? Liverpool outplayed the new champions. They came from behind to beat them with a goal struck in time added for injuries. And then, in the instant that ball hit the Blackburn net, at the moment that sheer devastation etched itself into the faces of the 11 Blackburn players, a mighty roar spread from the Kop, spread all around the ground and told Blackburn that in defeat they had won the ultimate victory of a ten-month season.

The roar came because, as anticipated, there was hardly a soul in the ground who wanted United to establish a third consecutive crown. This was partly the animosity between Liverpool and Manchester, but more it was the deep affection that still unites Liverpudlians to the memory of "King Kenny".

He, the winner of eight championships while a player and manager here, a man who had "left active participation in football" four years ago, was described by Bob Paisley as the greatest player he had seen in half a century at this famous stadium. And now Dalglish is in select company as a manager too, joining Herbert Chapman (Huddersfield and Arsenal) and Brian Clough (Derby County and Nottingham Forest) as the only men in England to win league championships with different clubs.

And yet, much as Dalglish himself tried so hard, and as the Liverpool choir sang *You'll Never Walk Alone*, their anthem to the team in blue and white, there was a more emotional figure in the ground. Jack Walker, the multi-millionaire of steel, sat in the directors' boxand suffered — and thought that the goal struck after the ninetieth minute by Jamie Redknapp had taken the trophy to Manchester. "When Liverpool scored that second goal my heart stopped," said the man whose £50 million bequest relaunched Blackburn from obscurity to a force vibrant enough to finish the season one point ahead of United.

"I couldn't believe what was happening. Then reporters behind me told me United had only drawn at West Ham. It's a miracle," he said. And Walker, publicity shy as he is, had no option but to carry the trophy out to the field, to the supporters who, strange as it may seem, had chanted throughout not the name of a player, nor that of an idol, but of the benefactor. As Walker returned, climbing the steps beneath the sign reading "This is Anfield", a mixture of emotion and the heaviness of the silver trophy (the Premier League guessed correctly that it was needed in the north) overcame Walker.

He put the cup laboriously down on a step. He gasped for breath. A police officer helped him and, recovered, he revealed that the title had come a year ahead of schedule. "We didn't plan on winning it this year," Walker said. "We intended to win it next year."

More practised at speaking into microphones than their paymaster, the players and Dalglish were uninhibited. It was as if they represented a town which had not won the biggest prize in the land in living memory ... which, considering that there has been two world wars and an industrial revolution since 1914, when the Rovers were last champions, is about right.

Yet they did it in a fog of mental and physical fatigue, the style that demands so much running of so many players quite crucially slowing them in the second half of games during the past weeks.

Thank goodness, then, for Shearer. He, almost inevitably, gave the team hope and purpose with the opening goal in the twentieth minute. It had come from his own prompting, for he delivered a pass out to the wing to Ripley, and then, with instinct that is uncanny, found three yards of space around the penalty spot. Ripley delivered, Shearer delivered; the pass was low and direct, the shot with the right foot angled, also low and unstoppably accurate against the far stancheon. That equalled the 34 goals Andy Cole had scored for Newcastle in setting the Premier League record; but more important, it was Shearer's 21st goal in the last 24 games.

By now the atmosphere was surreal. Large ripples of applause, not in any way polite, were coming from the stands as the plight of Manchester United in London was being relayed by radio. But then Liverpool, whose passing had commanded 64 per cent of the possession in the first half, translated that into potency. In the 64th minute they equalized when young Mark Kennedy swung the ball in from the left and Barnes calmly guided it beyond the right hand of Flowers.

Now the tension began to bite and though Shearer and Sutton were to miss opportunities they would ordinarily have scored, the clock was running away when McManaman was fouled 25 yards out. Wearily, Blackburn lined up; almost casually, Redknapp struck the ball right-footed, dipped and curled it inside the near post of Flowers.

Blackburn turned, their faces like schoolboys who had lost the prize — but they turned straight into the welcoming arms of the Liverpool players who, more aware than they, had heard the final score from Upton Park. McManaman cradled the head of Ripley, and congratulated him ... and all around the Liverpool supporters were singing, gleefully, "Always look on the bright side of life ... Are you listening, Manchester?"

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — J Scales (sub: D Matteo, 81min), S Harkness, P Babb — M Thomas, J Redknapp, J Barnes, M Kennedy — S McManaman — R Fowler, N Clough.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, D Batty, T Sherwood, J Kenna — C Sutton, A Shearer.
Referee: D Elleray

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	42	27	8	7	80	39	89
Man Utd	42	26	10	6	77	28	88
Nottm Forest	42	22	11	9	72	43	77
Liverpool	42	21	11	10	65	37	74
Leeds	42	20	13	9	59	38	73
Newcastle	42	20	12	10	67	47	72
Tottenham	42	16	14	12	66	58	62
QPR	42	17	9	16	61	59	60
Wimbledon	42	15	11	16	48	65	56
Southampton	42	12	18	12	61	63	54
Chelsea	42	13	15	14	50	55	54
Arsenal	42	13	12	17	52	49	51
Sheff Wed	42	13	12	17	49	57	51
West Ham	42	13	11	18	44	48	50
Everton	42	11	17	14	44	51	50
Coventry	42	12	14	16	44	62	50
Man City	42	12	13	17	53	64	49
Aston Villa	42	11	15	16	51	56	48
Crystal Palace	42	11	12	19	34	49	45
Norwich	42	10	13	19	37	54	43
Leicester	42	6	11	25	45	80	29
Ipswich	42	7	6	29	36	93	27

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Ferguson leads tributes to Blackburn

ALEX FERGUSON paid tribute to Blackburn Rovers as Manchester United's two-year reign as champions ended yesterday. "It has taken a very good team to take our championship and we could not have done more to stop them than we did today," the United manager said. "All credit to Blackburn — anyone who gets 89 points deserves the championship. Most leagues are won in the mid-80s. They've gone well beyond that which is because of us."

Kenny Dalglish savoured his club's moment of triumph at Anfield. "This is a great day for everyone," the Blackburn manager said. "Liverpool won the game, but we've won the title. It's a marvellous testimony to the lads. I always said if we couldn't win it at Ewood Park, I would love to win it here."

Dalglish and the Blackburn players celebrated for 20 minutes on the field after the final whistle. "It means everything, absolutely everything," Tim Flowers, their England international goalkeeper, said. "We've taken oodles of criticism through the season, but we have proved we're the best over 42 games. That's what it takes to win this trophy and that's what we've done."

Ferguson said he was proud of his players' consistent efforts over recent seasons. "Right now they are very disappointed but I'm sure they'll lift themselves for the FA Cup Final [against Everton] next weekend."

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Assuming that events follow a similar pattern to last year, around 12 million of us will watch the FA Cup Final on BBC1 next Saturday, confirming the event's status as one of the top attractions of television's sporting year. Yesterday, as the Premiership was finally resolved, any audience of more than two million will have been seen as highly satisfactory for Sky Sports.

At first glance, those two statements do not appear compatible; but they are. For, while the BBC has access to more than 20 million homes and a potential audience just a few Luddites short of the entire population, only 4.1 million homes are equipped to receive BSkyB. Of those, 2.8 million are subscribers to Sky Sports. As percentage games go, therefore, it appears to be going well.

Until the double-headed drama yesterday, the top rating match on Sky this season was, appropriately, that between Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers in January. The 2.3 million who watched it comprised the biggest audience for the sports channel and the second biggest for the BSkyB network, surpassed only by *Diana: Her True Story*. Whether the might of Liverpool versus Blackburn and West Ham United versus Manchester United is enough to relegate royalty into second place remains to be seen.

From a marketing point of view, having the season go right down to injury time was a dream for Sky; technically, it presented a nightmare. The Premier League may have had to make a replica of the trophy for the occasion, but Sky was having to dig deep into its resources — and clearing cricket from Sky Sports 2.

Already committed to live coverage of the FA Trophy final between Kidderminster and Woking, no less than three outside broadcast units had to be dispatched: one to Wembley, one to Anfield and one to Upton Park. With five trucks and 16 cameras at each site, some 200 people were involved in the coverage.

Like the League, which had dispatched the real trophy to Anfield, Sky had also banked on Blackburn emerging victorious. Martin Tyler and Andy Gray, the commentary "A team", were packed off to Liverpool and throughout the afternoon it was their game that enjoyed the superior technical support. Split screen replays kept us up to date with the goals that initially came thick and fast from the relegation games and, later, from Upton Park.

Yet for all the impressive technical gimmickry, I suspect that the uncommitted football follower will have spent most of the second half in the company of Ian Darke and Denis Law as they described proceedings at Upton Park.

A direct communication between the grounds ensured that Darke and Law were as up to date with the events up north as the Manchester United supporters who spent the game with one ear glued to the radio. Darke, I estimate, reported Blackburn's opening goal within two seconds of it hitting the back of the net.

Back in Liverpool, Tyler and Gray were slower off the mark. "Do I detect another roar around Anfield?" Gray asked. "Reflecting events perhaps at Upton Park?" Tyler responded. A change of channels confirmed what the pair of Restoration comedians were failing to tell us — that West Ham had scored.

Ironically, if Sky's ratings turn out to be a little disappointing for the afternoon, it will be because the Premiership action has run into the crowded sporting schedules of summer. Fortunately, there was no overlap with the Spanish Grand Prix, as Formula One this season action has been pulling in audiences of more than five million for the BBC; but it did coincide with another established crowd-puller — golf and the final round from St Mellion on *Sunday Grandstand*. The proof of the viewing, as they say, will be in the audience rating.

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Australian frontrunner hangs on to take Benson and Hedges title

O'Malley keeps calm as closest challengers fade

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IF CORNISH fishing boats can fly the Canadian flag as they sail past St Enodoc golf course on their way into and out of Padstow harbour in the north of the Duchy, then it is not inappropriate that an Australian should hold off an Italian and an Englishman and win the Benson and Hedges International Open at St Mellion in the south.

No doubt Peter O'Malley sped over the Tamar bridge heading back to his base in Berkshire last night feeling that Cornwall had become a second home to him.

His victory was a close-run thing. At one point, four men shared the lead — O'Malley, Costantino Rocca, Carl Mason and Mark James. Yet if there is one course on the European Tour where a par can be followed by a bogey, a birdie by a par, then it is St Mellion. "Anything can happen here," O'Malley had said on Friday. "You have only to hit a few slack shots off the tee and you can rack up some numbers."

The few slack shots were hit by others, as it happened. O'Malley's 73, one over par, was hardly a blazing finish — his last two rounds totalled three over par — but he kept calm while all around him others were handing him the tournament.

He finished eight under par and won by one stroke from Rocca and James, having led almost all the time since early in his second round. O'Malley is a cool customer, his calmness under fire belying a face that is so youthful that you wonder whether he has yet started to shave.

It was very close throughout a dull, grey and calm afternoon that at least had the virtue of remaining dry. What settled it for O'Malley, 29, were mistakes made by his closest rivals as the pressure began to tell. Mason went quietly, but Rocca birdied the 14th and 15th and James the 14th and 16th to keep the pressure on the Australian.

James's mistake came when he was striving for a birdie on the 18th. His second shot sailed right of the green and he took three more to hole out.

Rocca missed from four feet on the 16th, from eight feet on the 17th for a bogey and from four feet on the 18th for another bogey. If only he could putt as well as he can play from tee to green.

The reason for his putting, Rocca said later, was the poor surface of the greens. This is an easy excuse. One hopes that the greens at the Ryder Cup at Rochester in September will be more to his liking. This finish put him into second place in the order of merit and into second place, behind Severiano Ballesteros, in the Ryder Cup table.

Andrew Oldcorn, who has begun to work with the same sports psychologist that helped the Scotland rugby union team, had a 65 to finish six under par, level with Mason and Colin Montgomerie. Montgomerie, who had led after the first round, recovered from a bad start and birdied five of his last seven holes for a 69 and a share of fourth place.

Eventful does not seem an adequate word for Sandy Lyle's round, during which he had more ricochets than Stephen Hendry and holed more putts than Ben Crenshaw. He cannoned off a greenside bank on the first and chipped in from 30 feet on the fourth. He took only 24 putts, including one of 40 feet and two of 30 feet.

Still, in golf, it is not how, it is how many, and when Lyle totalled up his score it came to 65 and a total of four under par. This brought a smile, albeit a wry one, to his careworn face. This round was five strokes better than his previous best in this event at St Mellion and 17 better than his 82s in 1991 and 1992.

"There was some of the old Lyle out there today," Lyle said, which, because he is generally playing so indifferently, is infinitely better than there being some of the present Lyle.

Up until now, O'Malley has been known mainly for the startling spurt that he put in to pass Montgomerie and win the 1992 Scottish Open when he covered the last five holes in seven under par. This time, he had to withstand the pressure from the start of the last round, when he led by two strokes. His victory was all the meritorious for him having done so. "I am gratified to win this way," O'Malley said.

FINAL SCORES

GB and Ireland unless stated

280: P O'Malley (Aus) 68, 65, 74, 73. 281: M James 71, 68, 71, 71; C Rocca (It) 72, 73, 64, 72 282: C Montgomerie 67, 71, 75, 69; C Mason 71, 75, 63, 73, A Oldcorn 70, 74, 73, 65 284: S Tinning (Den) 68, 78, 70, 68, A Lyle 71, 77, 71, 65, W Westner (SA) 74, 73, 71, 66 285: E Darcy 69, 73, 74, 69 J M Olazabal (Sp) 70, 74, 71, 70. 286: G Evans 70 73 71, 72, R Burns 76, 67, 73, 70; P Broadhurst 68, 77, 70, 71. 287: P Senior (Aus) 69 74 71, 73; M Campbell (NZ) 78, 70, 67, 72. J Coceres (Arg) 73, 73, 71, 70, R Wessels (SA) 73, 73, 71, 70 288: B Langer (Ger) 74 70 70, 74; R Boxall 68, 73, 73, 74, D Cooper 76, 73, 69, 70, F Nobilo (NZ) 73 71 73, 71, S Struver (Ger) 73, 73, 71, 71. 288 B Lane 70 289: S Torrance 71, 73, 75, 70; M Farry (Fr) 75, 72, 71, 71 290: A Sherborne 74, 75, 72, 69 M A Jiménez (Sp) 75, 73, 70, 72; P Affleck 71, 77, 69, 73

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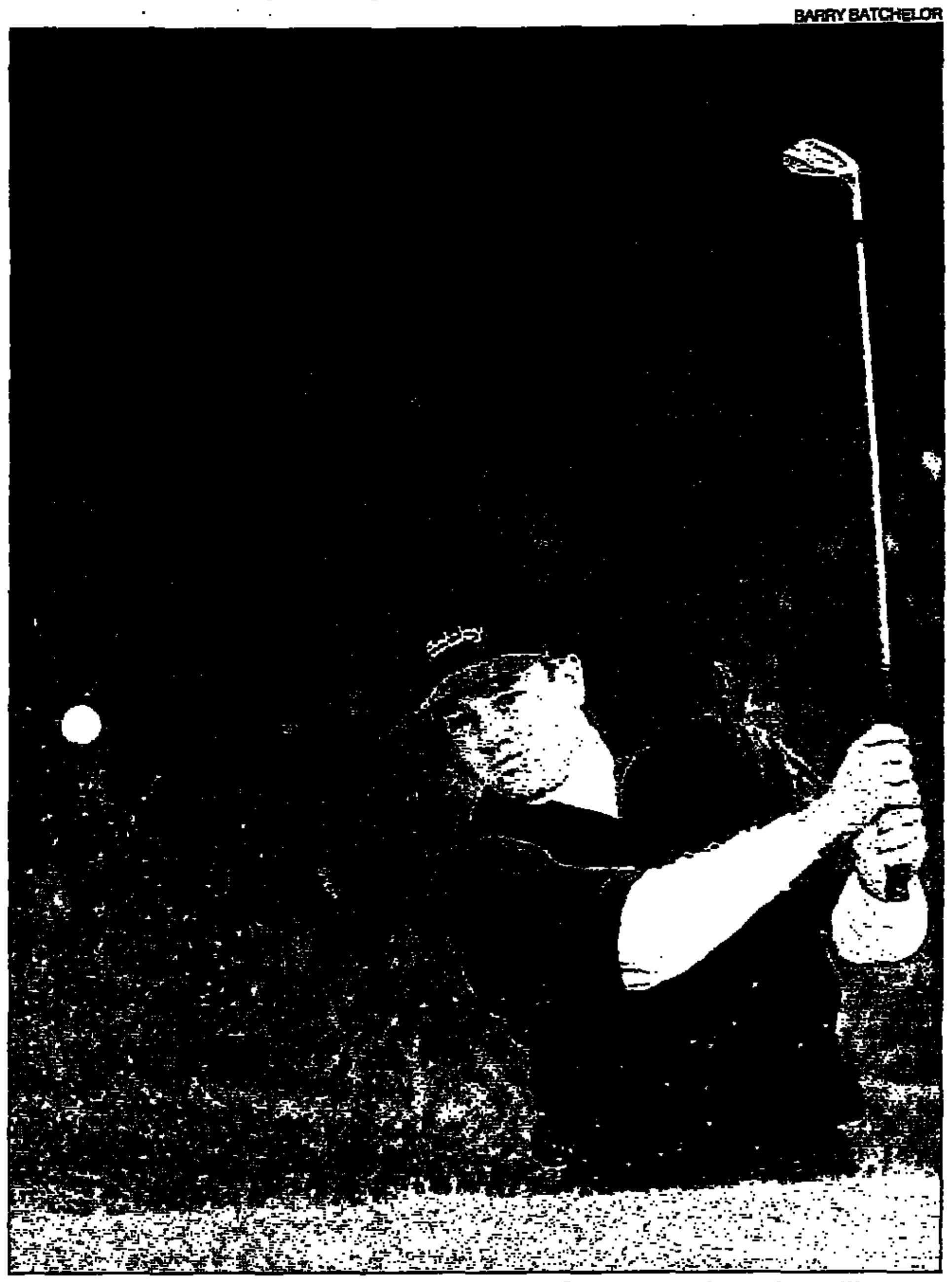
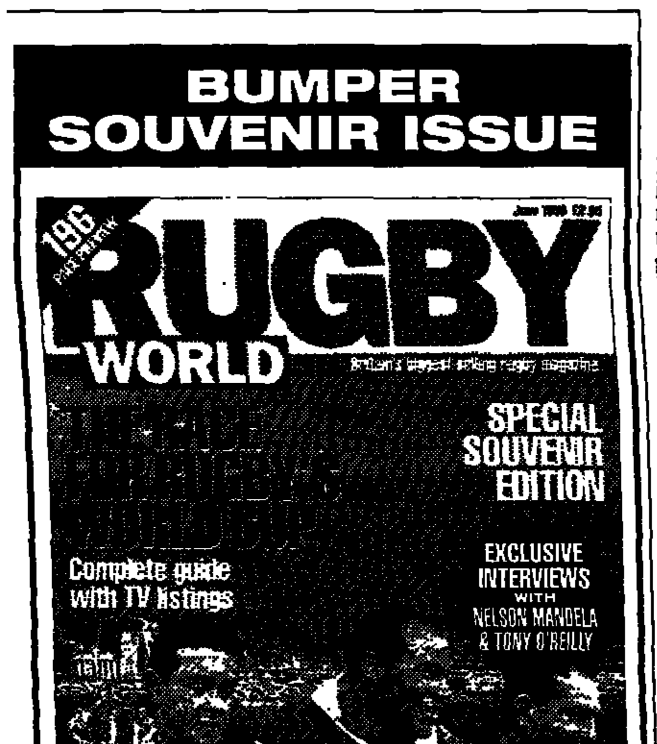


O'Malley splashes out of a bunker during his final round of 73 at St Mellion



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Davies in driving seat in Delaware

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

LAURA DAVIES, the defending champion, scored a 69, two under par, in the third round to take a one-stroke lead going into the final day of the LPGA Championship in Wilmington, Delaware.

Davies, from Great Britain, had five birdies, including four on the back nine, for an aggregate of 205, although she suffered a double-bogey on the 18th. Kelly Robbins, the overnight leader who had two bogeys on the front nine, and Patty Sheehan had 72s for a three-round total of 207.

Sheehan had a wild round, opening with a par before bogeying the 2nd and getting a double bogey at the next. She rallied with birdies at the 5th, 7th and 9th to take the lead at the turn, but claimed four straight pars before sinking a four-foot birdie putt at the 14th to move eight under. She bogeyed the 15th and 17th and failed to break par for the first time.

Dottie Mochrie had a 71 for a 208, tied with Marianne Morris, who had a 70.

Overshadowing play was the controversy stirred by Ben Wright, a British-born television commentator, who was quoted in a local newspaper as saying that lesbianism was hindering the success of the women's tour by putting off commercial sponsors.

On Saturday, Wright said the quotes were "totally untrue".

☐ Victory in the Costa Azul Open at Montado on Saturday carried Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, from France, to the top of the Ford order of merit and the standings for the Solheim Cup match next year.

The leading seven players in the standings will earn automatic selection for the match against the United States at St Pierre, Chepstow.

☐ Ernie Els, from South Africa, raced into a three-stroke lead after the third round of the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving, Texas.

The US Open champion compiled six birdies in a 65, five under par, for a total of 195 at the Las Colinas course.

Robin Freeman (68) was second after a birdie at the last for a 198, 12 under, one stroke better than his Americans compatriots, Fuzzy Zoeller (64) and Glen Day (67).

Nick Faldo, of Great Britain, slumped out of contention with a 69 and is 12 strokes off the pace on 207.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Claymores carry on in losing fashion

THE second half of the World League of American Football season started much as the entire first half had been for the Scottish Claymores (Richard Wetherell writes). Against Rhein Fire in Düsseldorf on Saturday, they should have won but lost 33-26 in overtime after handing Fire the ball on the 16-yard line.

The Claymores had all the ingredients for victory. Siran Stacy scored two touchdowns and ran for a league-record 175 yards, which usually ensures victory, and the Fire committed 15 penalties, which normally guarantees defeat. Amsterdam Admirals also won in overtime, beating Barcelona Dragons 40-34. At one point, Admirals led 20-15 then conceded 19 points before levelling at 34-34.

Arlesey deny Oxford

FOOTBALL: Oxford City dominated an untidy contest, supplied the man of the match in Steve Fontaine, but lost 2-1 to Arlesey Town's only two shots on target in the FA Vase final at Wembley on Saturday (Walter Gammie writes). Those lone strikes produced magnificent goals, by Paul Palma and Sandor Gyalog, either side of Fontaine's effort as Oxford were denied the unprecedented double of adding the Vase to the FA Cup that they won in 1906.

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Martínez keeps title

TENNIS: Conchita Martinez, right, collected her third successive Italian Open title with a victory in straight sets over Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the No 1 seed, in Rome yesterday. Martinez, the Wimbledon champion and world No 4, confirmed her dominant form on clay by beating her compatriot, the French and US Open champion, 6-3, 6-1 in 1hr 25min to retain her title.

Walsham moves up

CYCLING: Mark Walsham, the Sheffield Tritech professional, won the 102-mile Lincoln Grand Prix yesterday. He broke clear from Dave Williams, the Great Britain amateur champion, on the penultimate 1-in-6 climb of the cobbled Michaelgate (Peter Bryan writes). Walsham's victory lifted him from third to second overall in the Premier Callender competition behind John Tanner.

Triumph for under-21s

RUGBY UNION: The England Under-21 team, which started the season in defeat against Ireland, concluded it with a 22-6 victory over Italy in Viadana on Saturday (David Hands writes). Though the match was played in a heavy downpour, England adapted to the conditions and their wings scored two well-worked tries. Jon Ufton, the Wasps full back, kicked four penalty goals.

Rydell regains lead

MOTOR SPORT: Rickard Rydell, of Sweden, regained the lead in the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car championship at Silverstone yesterday after claiming his second win of the season. He took the seventh round in his Volvo, beating Paul Radisich, of New Zealand, in a Ford Mondeo, by 1.50sec. Radisich had his revenge in the eighth round when he scored his first victory of the season.

China sweep board

TABLE TENNIS: Kong Linghui, right, the Chinese teenager, won the men's singles in Tianjin yesterday to complete China's clean sweep of all seven titles in the world championships. Kong, 19, who overcame Jean-Philippe Gatien, of France, the champion, on Friday, recovered from 2-1 down to beat Liu Guoliang, his compatriot, 17-21, 21-16, 15-21, 21-14, 21-10.

England overpowered

HOCKEY: England had few answers to the power of Australia, whose 3-1 win at Adelaide on Saturday set up a 2-0 lead in the six-match men's series. Lewis struck early for Australia and Stacy increased the lead almost on half-time. England were revived with a goal by Lee, but Stacy converted a short corner for Australia's third.

Mann's grand finale

BADMINTON: Julia Mann, the new English national champion, completed a remarkable season by winning the Friends Provident grand slam final in Gateshead. Mann, 25, beat Anne Gibson, the Scottish champion, 4-11, 12-9, 11-7 on Saturday. Darren Hall, the favourite, beat Anthony Bush 15-10, 15-4 to win the men's singles.

Fairbrother regains title grip

By JOHN GOODBODY

GREAT Britain ended the Daewoo European judo championships on a triumphantly rousing note in Birmingham yesterday, with Nicola Fairbrother and Nigel Donohue taking titles after finals of acute tension.

With two further bronze medals on the last day of an event attended by 41 nations, half of the 14-strong Great Britain team finished with medals. This equalled the performance of 1994, Britain's best in the history of the annual championships.

After a Saturday which was disappointing only by the standards of a team accustomed to success, the pressure yesterday was on Fairbrother, the world lightweight champion, to regain the European title on her 25th birthday.

Last year, she lost the final because she was penalised after not being informed about a rule change. This year, she made no mistake.

Fairbrother won her semi-final against Tanja Munzinger, of Germany, on a decision and then dumped Isabel Fernandez, of Spain, with a sacrifice counter-throw to take the final.

"I was incredibly nervous," Fairbrother said. "I did not want to attack in case I made a mistake, but I had to attack to avoid being penalised. A lot of the Britons have lost here because of the tension."

Fairbrother will have a brief holiday before resuming training for the world championships, in Japan, in September.

If Fairbrother's gold might have been expected, Donohue's, in the bantamweight class, was less so. Despite having taken a silver and bronze in the previous championships, he has had a tendency to concede domination in the final stages.

Yesterday, he began the final brightly against Georgi Vazagachvili, the European junior champion, from Georgia, but then conceded a penalty point for passivity.

It looked as if he was about to concede the bout. However, with 30 seconds left, he upended the Georgian with a leg grab to take the lead. He finished the contest ten seconds later with another leg grab that hurled his opponent to the mat and had the crowd in raptures. Donohue said simply: "I do not know how I did it."

The British women's team continued to maintain its astonishing consistency in important events. On Saturday, Diane Bell had taken a silver medal and Rowena Sweatman and Kate Howey had collected bronze.

Yesterday, Sharon Rendle, the former world featherweight champion, beat Almudena Munoz, of Spain, to win a bronze medal. The other went to Joyce Heron, the bantamweight. She knocked down Giovanna Tortora, of Italy, to gain third place.

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Rally rescues depleted Leeds

Leeds	30
St Helens	26

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BY HALF-TIME, Leeds had been reduced by indiscipline to 11 players, with Garry Schofield sent off for the first time in his career and Alan Tait in the sin-bin, also for dissent. They trailed 20-6, a crisis that rapidly became St Helens's drama in an extraordinarily rugby league premiership semi-final yesterday.

Leeds, remarkably, the better for fewer players, earned their final place against Wigan at Old Trafford next Sunday with 24 points without reply in a third quarter that left a full St Helens complement shell shocked. His side showed the faith that Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, admitted he lacked at the interval. "I thought we were gone. I knew we would have to be at our very best for any comeback," he said. "They showed great courage."

Tries by Mann and Iro were scored when St Helens had a two-man advantage. The outstanding Innes followed them over in a solo try down the vulnerable St Helens right. Holroyd's conversion, in the 55th minute, gave Leeds the lead for the first time, before the stand-off landed a subsequent penalty and capitalised on a burrowing try by Mercer.

St Helens had been disrupted by the loss of Martyn, with suspected ligament damage, but his departure did not explain their total capitulation. A try by Hunte briefly raised their hopes ten minutes from time, but the resolve of Leeds was as committed in defence as attack.

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Prescott had been St Helens's saviour in the opening period, denying Holroyd and Faimalo with saving tackles. Cummins did find room to make Leeds's first try, but the visitors took what should have been an unassailable lead with a burst of four tries in 14 minutes by Prescott, Matautia, Laughlin and Goulding.

The unusual outspokenness of first Tait, then Schofield, two minutes later, only added to their premature sense of euphoria, before Leeds took an unshakeable grip. They renew acquaintance with Wigan, three weeks after losing to them at Wembley, hoping to prevent them claiming a clean sweep of the domestic prizes.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Cummins, Mann, Iro, Innes, Mercer. Goals: Holroyd (5). St Helens: Tries: Prescott, Matautia, Laughlin, Goulding, Hunte. Goals: Goulding (3).

LEEDS: A Tait; J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins; G Schofield, G Holroyd; H Howard (sub, N Harmon, 20min), J Lowes (sub M Vassilakopoulos, 40), E Faimalo, G Mann, R Eyres, G Mercer.

ST HELENS: S Prescott, A Hunte, D Lyon, P Loughlin, A Sullivan; T Martyn (sub C Morley, 49), B Goulding, A Perelini, K Cunningham, I Pickavance, V Matautia (sub M Eka, 56), S Nickle, P Veivers.

Referee: S Cummins.

☐ The divisional premiership final will be contested between Keighley, 38-4 victors over London Broncos, and Huddersfield, who won 13-6 at Batley yesterday.

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Schumacher drives away doubts as Hill falters

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN BARCELONA

DAMON HILL said on Saturday that the party was over for the Williams Formula One motor racing team and, at the Spanish Grand Prix here yesterday, Michael Schumacher made that clear with a vengeance. The world champion was supposed to be wilting in the face of Hill's early-season superiority, but he banished the doubts so forcefully that Benetton may still be the team hosting the festivities when the year's last race is over.

Schumacher led from start to finish, never seriously challenged, never ragged, always driving within himself. As the team mobbed him after the race, delivered from the uncertainty that has dogged them thus far, Hill trundled over the finish line in his crippled car, parked it on the grass at the side of the track and trudged back to the Williams garage.

Already comprehensively out-performed by Schumacher's Benetton-Renault, Hill's second place was ripped from him on the last lap when his Williams-Renault developed a hydraulic fault. He finished fourth, his championship lead lost to the German.

"Benetton appear to be in a different league," David Coulthard, Hill's team-mate, said. "We have got a lot of work to do before the next race."

It was no consolation to Hill, but his misfortune at least allowed Johnny Herbert to claim second place and complete Benetton's first one-two finish for five years. It was Herbert's first appearance on a Formula One podium in six years of trying and, in the chaos of the paddock, he was besieged by some of the legions of his supporters who have been willing him to fulfil his potential.

Herbert has fought back from injuries sustained in a crash at Brands Hatch in 1988 and a morale-sapping spell with a Lotus team in decline. Even this season, he has been under intense pressure to provide more consistent support to Schumacher.

"I could not believe it when I passed Damon's car on the last lap," Herbert said. "I just had a big grin on my face. This is the high point of my career.

"It has proved to me that all the struggles have been worth it. I was coming close to quitting with Lotus and I thought it would never happen, that maybe I would be somebody who never achieves anything. This is the breakthrough I have been waiting for and it has given me a great confidence boost."

Herbert's achievements and Hill's bad luck brought late excitement to a race that had been routine. There were none of the duels that lit up the season's preceding three races, none of the close contests or uncertainty over the eventual winner. It was processional and Schumacher, helped by a two pit-stop strategy, was always in control.

His path was eased by the forced retirement of Jean Alesi, whose Ferari had been his closest challenger, and by the premature exit of Coulthard, when he was running third ten laps from the end. Gerhard Berger inherited third place in the other Ferrari. Nigel Mansell had another miserable day, forced to retire early because of acute handling problems in his McLaren-Mercedes.

Schumacher now leads Hill by one point in the drivers' championship. "This is a good sign for the rest of the season," he said. "Benetton are coming back, we are getting better and better all the time and we have not finished yet."

The only alarm for his team came when Herbert roared away from the pit stop with a jack still attached to the back of his car and a mechanic running behind it trying to detach it. Just as Herbert was about to leave the pit lane, it flew off, careering harmlessly across the tarmac.

It could have ruined Herbert's big day but, for once, luck was with him. Instead, Hill was left to bemoan his fate. "I feel gutted and I am worried about Benetton," he said. "They have turned it all around this weekend."

DETAILS

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1hr 34min 20 507sec; 2, J Herbert (GB), Benetton, 51.988sec behind; 3, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1min 05.237sec behind; 4, D Hill (GB), Williams, 2min 1 749sec behind; 5, E Irvine (GB), Jordan, 1 lap behind; 6, O Panis (Fr), Ligier, 1 lap behind; 7, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 1 lap behind; 8, H-H Frentzen (Ger), Sauber, 1 lap behind; 9, M Brundle (GB), Ligier, 1 lap behind; 10, M Salo (Fin), Tyrrell, 1 lap behind; 11, G Morbidelli (It), Footwork, 2 laps behind; 12, J Verstappen (Hol), Simtek, 2 laps behind; 13, K Wendlinger (Austria), Simtek, 2 laps behind; 14, P L Martini (It), Minardi, 3 laps behind; 15, D Schiattarella (It), Simtek, 4 laps behind.

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (after four rounds): Drivers: 1, Schumacher 24pts; 2, Hill 23; 3, J Alesi (Fr) 14; 4, Berger 13; 5 equal, D Coulthard (GB) and Herbert 9; 7, M Hakkinen (Fin) 5; 8, Frentzen 3; 9, Irvine 2; 10 equal, Panis and M Blundell (GB). Constructors: 1, Ferrari 27pts; 2, Williams 26; 3, Benetton 23; 4, McLaren 6; 5, Sauber 3; 6, Jordan 2; 7, Ligier 1.

Benetton deducted ten points and Williams six points for fuel irregularities

New Zealand toast magical victory

Barry Pickthall reports on the team ethic that prised a coveted trophy from America

PETER BLAKE'S Team New Zealand finally laid claim to the America's Cup in the early hours yesterday by completing a 5-0 whitewash of Dennis Conner in his borrowed yacht, *Young America*. The emphatic manner of their victory in the best-of-nine race final mirrored their achievement throughout the campaign. In four months of competition in the waters off San Diego, they had conceded just one of 42 races.

They had overpowered six rival challenges, from Australia, France, Japan, and Spain as well as from elsewhere in New Zealand, with the same supremacy that so comprehensively defeated the best American technology that Conner's *Stars & Stripes* team could muster.

Conner's final defeat was another rout, with Russell Coutts and his crew securing their fifth win by a yawning margin of 1min 50sec. During the final races, *Black Magic* had led round all 30 marks, gained time on 25 of the 30 legs and trailed for less than half an hour during more than 30 hours of racing. They gave the defenders no quarter.

"Little ol' New Zealand has won the America's Cup; that's pretty damned good," Blake exclaimed after putting the "Auld Mug" to his lips and savouring the champagne. "If a nation like New Zealand, with just 3.5 million, can do it with limited resources, then anyone can," he said.

Conner was gracious in defeat — his second in three decades of dominating the event. "New Zealand had a fabulous campaign," he said. "It was a just reward for them. With the benefit of hindsight, the defence should have pooled its resources instead of fighting amongst ourselves like sharks in a pond. We didn't have the money to compete on equal terms."

In fact, according to the published budgets, Team Dennis Conner spent $2 million more than the New Zealanders on building one outdated boat which they later swapped for the equally slow *Young America*, campaigned in the American trials by Kevin Mahaney. By comparison, the *Black Magic* crew used their $15 million not on high salaries and commissions, but in building two competitive boats.

They worked with a true team ethic: no prima donnas, no hidden agendas. Everyone was hand-picked by Coutts and Blake to provide particular skills for the two-year campaign.

Doug Peterson, the American designer from San Diego rejected by the three defence syndicates who then turned to New Zealand to ply his trade, said yesterday: "The hull is not the reason we have been winning, just like it was not the sails, rig, crew or appendages by themselves. It was not any one thing. Success has come from putting together a total package."

Tom Snackenberg, 50, the sail designer whose wizardry powered Alan Bond's *Australia 2* to victory against Conner in 1983, and who co-ordinated the design team, agreed. "The secret is boring," he said. "It's simply teamwork. It sounds obvious — It is obvious, but it is not easy."

Peterson praised Blake, the winner of the 1992-93 Whitbread Round the World Race, for putting the team ethic first. "Peter wanted the sailing team involved in everything from day one," he said. "Before we started with any of the design, we sent out a questionnaire asking what kind of boat they wanted, then worked with the crew who were free to come in at any time and look at what we were doing."

Throughout, the two *Black Magic* boats out-performed all the challengers upwind, but, after analysing the American boats and finding them to be faster downwind, the sailing team called on the designers to trade some of this upwind superiority for more downwind speed.

The designers made the necessary alterations and that, as Conner's crew found, was an unbeatable formula.

Blake, the Team New Zealand syndicate leader, hoists aloft the America's Cup

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Medvedev triumphs but fears for Graf resurface

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN HAMBURG

AS ANDREI MEDVEDEV resurrected his tennis career by retaining the German Open title here yesterday, fears were growing that Steffi Graf's may end prematurely. The prospect was renewed by the confirmation that she had pulled out of the tournament in Berlin this week, an event she customarily wins.

The reason given for her belated withdrawal was that she is suffering from influenza. That may well be true, but a source close to the world No 1 has revealed that the spur in her lower spine, which has troubled her for a year, is still a cause of great concern.

Graf, no longer the holder of any of the four grand slam championships, has not competed since appearing in Houston a month ago. It is thought that she is not prepared to risk aggravating the injury before the French Open, which starts in a fortnight, and Wimbledon a month later.

Her future may rest on how she fares in those two tournaments. She may be heading towards the twilight, but Medvedev has emerged from his own period of darkness. Once the world No 4, he fell heavily in the Australian Open in January, broke his left wrist and, during his recuperation, slipped to twentieth in the rankings.

With virtually no opposition, the Ukrainian was able to become only the second man in the open era to succeed in defending the crown in the Rothenbaum. He was detained for only 78 minutes on the windswept centre court by a distracted Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, who freely admitted that he could not have played any worse.

Nobody disagreed. Ivanisevic was unrecognisable from the clay court exponent who had knocked out Sergi Bruguera, the French Open champion for the past two years, in the semi-final.

He broke his opponent only once, midway through the second set, and even then only when Medevedev, momentarily out of breath, double-faulted twice.

Ivanisevic was otherwise incapable of offering even token resistence. At one point, he attempted a relatively simple half volley and hit nothing but air. Once he had committed his 43rd unforced error and submitted feebly 6-3, 6-2, 6-1, he publicly apologised for his woeful contribution.

"I felt sorry for everyone because it is so cold", he joked when interviewed on court. "I wanted to get it over quickly so that you wouldn't all freeze."

Whitaker's Midnight Madness regains top show form

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL WHITAKER confirmed the return to fitness of Midnight Madness, his European bronze medal-winning horse, with a convincing win in the Lancaster Landmark Grand Prix at The Royal Windsor Horse Show on Saturday.

The 12-year-old gelding, who had nearly six months off after injuring his off-fore at the Berlin Show in November, looked fit and agile as he relegated Marie Edgar and Aladdin to second place by almost four seconds in the 12-horse jump-off.

"He feels as good as ever," Whitaker said afterwards — clearly delighted to have his top horse back on the circuit. However, he will not be competing in the Hickstead Nations Cup next month. "It's not fair to ask him to do such a big course so soon," Whitaker said. Instead, Midnight Madness will travel to Germany where Whitaker is competing for the rest of the month.

Whitaker's luck ran out yesterday when he and Elton finished only sixth in the TNT International Trial, the main show jumping event on the final day. The event was won by James Fisher, who comfortably secured his third win of the week when he and Tiptoe produced the only clear round in the six-horse jump-off.

Fisher bought Tiptoe five years ago, but has always treated him as a novice. "After three wins in a row, it's time I upgraded him," Fisher said.

Fisher had a less rewarding time in the final of the Land Rover British Horsemaster on Saturday, which was won by Geoff Glazzard.

The four qualifiers — Fisher, Glazzard, Tim Stockdale and Marie Edgar — each had to ride all four horses. Glazzard proved to hold the trump card in his horse, Sulcum Dillonald. The 10-year-old stallion produced a clear round for Glazzard, but got steadily worse with the other three riders. Fisher incurred 22 faults with him.

"He's not normally so difficult," Glazzard said after receiving the £3,300 first prize and a £9,000 car for achieving four clear rounds. He thought that the horse might have frightened himself when he hit a fence hard. He is also unused to strange riders.

George Bowman, the leading British carriage driver, relegated Michael Freund, of Germany, the world champion, to second place in the Harrods Driving Grand Prix. It is Bowman's tenth win in the event.

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Drinking in the atmosphere from Twickenham's seventh heaven

Mel Webb finds entertainment on and off the pitch at one of rugby's most festive occasions

There was only one significant item on the list of approved subjects for conversation at Twickenham on Saturday, and it was not the price of haddock fillets at Grimsby docks.

The final stages of the Middlesex Sevens had drawn together, at the home of English rugby, the largest congregation of rugby union worshippers since The Sacking and Second Coming of the England captain, and feelings were being pinned on breasts like banknotes at a Greek wedding.

The crowd at this hugely entertaining celebration of ping-pong rugby seemed to be polarised in their views, and it was infallibly possible to predict people's opinions by the clothes they wore. The Harris tweed sports jackets, the blazers and the check cheesecutters were firmly behind the junta that had kicked Will Carling out in the first place, salt-of-the-earth men of the sort that built the British Empire, heaven help them.

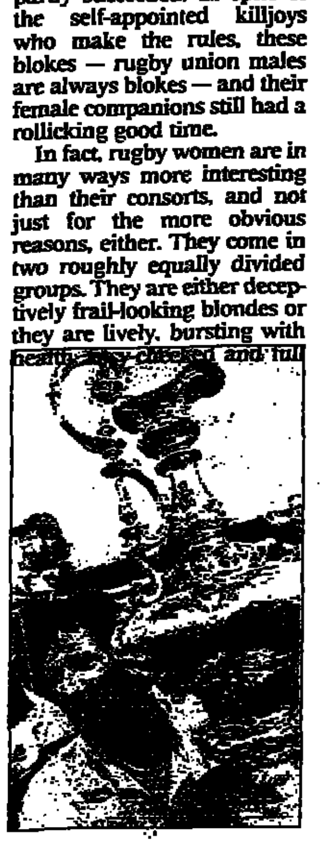
They were, however, handsomely outnumbered by the ordinary Joes, if a gathering of people that included a group that wore bright ginger wigs all the day, and another sporting Viking helmets, horns and all, could be called, in any sense, of the word ordinary.

With these types, there was no contest. Good for old Will, they said. What did he call them again? Boring old what? Ah yes, that's right and he was spot on, too. Now just be a good chap and pass that cardboard box of Bulgarian red down the line.

The Middlesex Sevens is not an easy day out for the determined rugby enthusiast. The matches start at 11.20am and go on until only just after 7pm, hardly long enough to get the taste. They even shut the bars at 5.30. What are they trying to do, spoil a decent day out?

If that was the case, these men of rugby union and their women were not going down without a fight. Although the authorities tried to clamp down on the consumption of imported alcohol, they only partly succeeded. In spite of the self-appointed killjoys who make the rules, these blokes — rugby union males are always blokes — and their female companions still had a rollicking good time.

In fact, rugby women are in many ways more interesting than their consorts, and not just for the more obvious reasons, either. They come in two roughly equally divided groups. They are either deceptively frail-looking blondes or they are lively, bursting with health, rosy-cheeked and full of vim and vigour. They are identifiable as members of the same species only by their ability to drink enough firewater to give an advance case of *delirium tremens* to the average rhinoceros, and to know every single word of "The Wild West Show." The Sevens, all in all, seems marginally less of a rugby occasion than an excuse for bacchanalian excess on a grand scale.



Huge expanses of the stands were unoccupied for large parts of the day, and the seats were sat upon only as the competition neared its climax. There is a time and place for everything, and until 5.30 (when the bars closed, remember?) the time and the place was not watching the rugby.

To infrequent visitors to Twickenham, it is important not to be easily put off. For a start, they very often have to park further away than some people go on holiday, and when they get to their seats they will find that they were designed for scrum halves, not second-row forwards. Do not expect leg-room, because there is not a lot to be had.

Once wedged in, however, it is difficult not to be borne along by the skill and pace of the game on the field and the unrepentant, don't-give-a-damn immaturity off it. Of all the great games, a seriousness on the pitch and unrelenting daftness away from it are core elements of rugby union.

Saturday represented the best day out, purely in a spectating capacity, that I have had for years.

There was some gloriously joyous sprinting from the Ithuba side from South Africa, who did not stop running until they encountered the might of Leicester in the final. There was the man sitting in the row in front who was absent for long periods while he road-tested every beer engine in the place, and who in one one-hour spell did not watch the rugby for more than 30 seconds. He was also, shall we say, tactile when it came to the females in the party. To be fair, they didn't seem to mind.

There was the proposal of marriage that was brodcast to the waiting masses by the gent on the public address, and, finally, there was also the memorable appearance of two streakers in the second half of the final. One was tall, the other short, and the taller of the two was quite obviously a cad. Nobody but a man of very low account would streak at Twickenham and leave his socks on.

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Dominant Indio keep club trophy

INDIO, the Hon Lucas White's polo team, the holders of the Texaco Trophy, the Cowdray Park club's prize, won it again at Ambersham in Sussex yesterday with a 6-2 victory over Gordon Roddick's quartet, Rough Park (John Watson writes). This match concluded a fortnight's worth of league encounters between six entries, each of whom aggregated 12 goals on handicap.

Alan Kent, Indio's all-England player, the seven-goaler occupying their pivot position, dribbled the ball to within striking distance of the Rough Park posts from the first throw-in, and Jonny Wade, his No 2, slammed it through. Forty seconds later, the long-hitting Chris Bethel replied for Rough Park; but, half a minute after that, Wade got another to put Indio into a lead that they were not to lose, although Rough Park played sound tactical polo.

However, they were guilty of committing more than their share of crosses. Kent took the penalty hits and converted twice, but, with the strong crosswind playing tricks, he sent others wide of the flags. Charles Beresford, the Rough Park's No 3, scored just before treading-in time, reducing Indio's lead to one.

Then, Indio enjoyed a brilliant third chukka. Wade galloped his Zulu half the length of the ground to find the opposition's flags again, and Lucas White made it 5-2 from the saddle of Ace. In the last chukka, Kent converted another penalty award to render Indio their final tally.

INDIO: 1, The Hon L White (2), 2, J Wade (4); 3, A Kent (7); back, A Hotston (-1)

ROUGH PARK: 1, G Roddick (1); 2, C Bethell (4), 3, Lord C Beresford (6), back, R Clarke (1)

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Manchester United fall tantalisingly short of third successive Premiership title

West Ham hold out to destroy double dream

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Manchester United......... 1

By David Miller

THEIR third successive FA Carling Premiership title was there for the taking. For the last quarter of an hour at Upton Park yesterday, Manchester United pummelled West Ham United in vain. At times three shots in succession would be blocked.

It was desperate, storybook stuff with United being denied two possible penalties, one for handball, the other for a foul on Mark Hughes. We never knew that watching football *could be so tiring*.

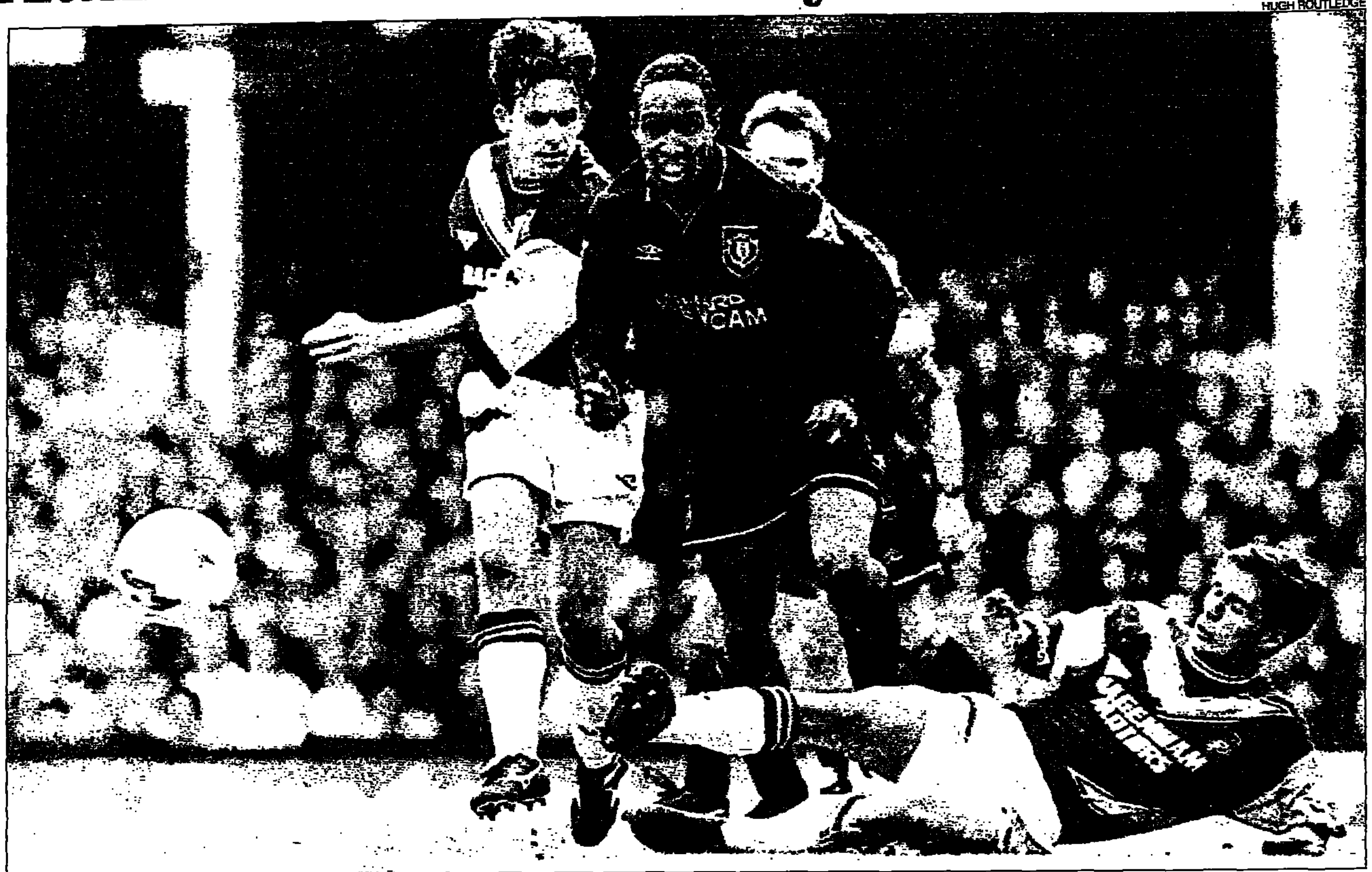
The air had been electric with expectation once Brian McClair, that exemplary club servant for United, had levelled the score seven minutes into the second half and then, eleven minutes after that, when the stadium shook with the news that *Liverpool had* equalised at home against Blackburn Rovers.

Manchester United will *drag themselves despondently* back home, to prepare for the FA Cup Final against Everton on Saturday, knowing in their hearts that Andy Cole, for whom Alex Ferguson paid the equivalent of £7 million, should have won the title during the second half. Two *half-chances went begging*, further proof of the hugely excessive fee that Newcastle United could not accept rapidly enough.

In a season much of which is best forgotten, it was reassuring yesterday that our belief in England in the integrity of opponents was confirmed by events. Liverpool and West Ham transparently played it straight, honourably went flat out for victory.

How proudly West Ham have finished their season: Beaten only once in their last 11 *matches*, defeating Blackburn and Liverpool and now holding the most glamorous of them all. Players such as Potts, in defence, and Michael Hughes, Moncur and Holmes in midfield gave performances to send the bubbles soaring among their followers and they never permitted United a grain of over-confidence.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Ince surges through the West Ham challenges at Upton Park yesterday. The Manchester United midfield player was relentlessly taunted by supporters of his former club

When we stand back from this thrilling, though often untidy climax, a range of reasons can *be identified* for United's failure to emulate Arsenal, Huddersfield Town and Liverpool as three-in-a-*row championship winners*.

Foremost is the lingering shame, and subsequent handicap, of Eric Cantona's emotional aberration at Crystal Palace. The Frenchman's disgrace was to cost his services for the remainder of the season, and United never found the same attacking composure or subtlety without him.

Second, Ferguson's gamble on Cole increasingly appears to be a great misjudgment. He *has been revealed as lacking* both touch and intelligence, has not held the line together, and has scored only six goals excluding *his* five against tottering Ipswich Town. Had he scored from either of the two split-second chances yesterday, both close in, the grotesque fee would be said to have been justified, but he did not. Ferguson is left with an embarrassing problem for next season: to sell and lose face, or to persevere.

Third, it was a mistake to omit Mark Hughes from the starting line up yesterday, *leaving Cole alone in front of a* 4-2-3 formation in which Ince and Keane held the middle, with Butt and Sharpe playing on the flanks either side of McClair.

Cole's lack of ball control was regularly apparent and it was only when Hughes replaced Butt, inflicting fear and disorganisation into West Ham's rearguard, that United belatedly looked like serious candidates to defy the day's odds. With no Giggs or Cantona, moreover, it must also be said that the robust Keane rarely plays to a valuation *of £3.5 million*.

Ferguson defended his tactical selection afterwards and it is true that United had the better of the first half-hour. Then Michael Hughes scored with a glorious left-foot volley from Holmes's low cross and United's task was uncomfortably magnified.

Soon Cole hit the left post with a low shot but the omens were not encouraging until the arrival of *Mark Hughes*, whose bustling style quickly brought a chance for Sharpe. West Ham stood still while McClair headed home Neville's *free kick and, from here* on, it was nearly all United, the loudest roar of the day greeting Liverpool's equaliser. Moments after the arrival of that news, Miklosko palmed out Mark Hughes's angled header.

Scholes came on for Keane. United continued to press. Hughes and Bruce were booked for dissent. Moncur shot over at the other end. *Miklosko blocked Cole* at close range. Ince dribbled into the goalmouth to be halted by a sea of bodies.

Nobody will begrudge Blackburn their long-awaited title but many will wonder whether Jack Walker might not have been more of a local hero had he used his £50 million to build a children's hospital rather than pay such exhorbitant wages.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, M Rieper, K Rowland, M Hughes, I Bishop, J Moncur, M Holmes, D Hutchison (sub. M Allen, 89), T Morley
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-2-1): P Schmeichel, G Neville, G Pallister, S Bruce, D Irwin, R Keane (sub: P Scholes, 78), P Ince; N Butt (sub: M Hughes, 46), B McClair, L Sharpe, A Cole.
Referee: A Wilkie

Season of promise for Palace concludes in despair

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By Louise Taylor

LASHING rain hid the tears shed by Crystal Palace as they were relegated yesterday. Alan Smith's side bade farewell to the FA Carling Premiership with a direct brand of football, generally as bleak as the slate-grey skies above St James' Park.

"My chairman, Ron Noades, is not here," Smith said. "*But I will get to see him* as soon as I can and say and do what has to be done in a dignified manner." A case of *jumping* before being pushed, presumably.

For their part, with Leeds finishing in front of them, Newcastle must hope Manchester United win the FA Cup and thus create an extra vacancy in Europe.

Newcastle were ahead as soon as *the sixth minute*. Fox cutting inside from the left before trying his luck from outside the penalty area. For*tune frowned* on Palace, the ball taking a deflection off a defender on its way beyond Martyn.

Twenty minutes elapsed before Palace launched their first attack — a foray concluding with Dowie falling over on the edge of the six-yard box. Somehow, it seemed a suitable cameo of a season which took them to two cup semi-finals.

Scoring rather than stop*ping goals has proved Smith's* principal problem, but his rearguard had no answer to Lee's 25th-minute header. Leaping high above the Palace defence, he connected with Fox's left-wing cross to put Newcastle two up.

A third goal followed before the interval. Gillespie's opportunism out-witting Martyn. This time, the ball, struck from around 20 yards, arced over the stranded goalkeeper.

And what of Armstrong? Earlier this season, Keegan twice tried to buy the Palace *striker for close on £5 million.* Early in the second half, he claimed a splendid headed goal from Southgate's centre, but the striker's first-half involvement amounted to a sulky dispute with a linesman over an off-side decision and the softest of shots struck straight at Srnicek's stomach.

Alternately, operating wide on the right and straight through the centre, Armstrong was generally all too easily suppressed by Beresford and Howey. It is surely no coincidence that Armstrong has only scored eight Premier League goals all season.

Smith's season of increasingly public rows with his *chairman has largely revolved* around his stubborn determination to keep Armstrong at Selhurst Park.

Ultimately, the *manager's* faith proved misplaced — and so, almost exactly a year after clinching the first division championship on a sunny May Sunday at Middlesbrough. Palace are bound for the Endsleigh Insurance League.

In reality, their fate was decided well before Dyer's cross. Armstrong's *dummy* and Houghton's shot produced a second, barely consolitary, goal in the dying minutes. By then, Newcastle were contemplating their end-*of-season champagne soiree*.

Smith was left staring at television pictures of Kenny Dalglish celebrating Blackburn Rovers' championship. "I'll shed a few tears next week," he said. "But just now I've got to be strong."

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — K Gillespie, S Watson, L Clark, R Fox — R Lee, P Beardsley.
CRYSTAL PALACE (5-3-2): N Martyn — G Southgate, E Young, R Newman (sub: I Cox, 82min), R Shaw, D Gordon — R Houghton, D Pitcher, J Salako (sub: B Dyer, 46) — I Dowie, C Armstrong.
Referee: G Ashby

Ferguson set to give Everton a final boost

By David Powell

IF MANCHESTER United are to take the consolation prize of the FA Cup, they will have to deal Everton their first defeat in eight matches. Everton, whose main business has been conducted at the opposite end of the FA Carling *Premiership from United*, drew 0-0 away to Coventry City yesterday.

Duncan Ferguson returned to the Everton team after a double hernia operation, coming on for the second half. He is expected to play in the FA Cup Final on Saturday while facing a possible jail sentence. On Wednesday he was convicted of assault, after headbutting an opponent last year, *but sentence was deferred* until May 25.

Sheffield Wednesday banished the faint prospect of relegation, a goal by Guy Whittingham after seven minutes putting them ahead against Ipswich Town. They went on to win 4-1. Alex Mathie equalised but Michael Williams, Whittingham and Mark Bright scored for Wednesday.

Chelsea beat Arsenal 2-1 *in* Glenn Hoddle's last match as a player. Hoddle set up Paul Furlong for the first goal. John Hartson equalised but Mark Stein headed the winner.

Les Ferdinand scored twice in Queens Park Rangers's 3-2 win at Manchester City. His winner came in the last minute, Daniel Dichio having scored the second Rangers goal. Niall Quinn and Keith Curle scored for City.

Matthew Le Tissier was named Southampton's player-of-the-season and scored in a 2-2 draw with Leicester City at the Dell. Substitute Mark Robins scored an 89th minute equaliser for Leicester after Southampton had led 2-0. Ken Monkou *opened the scoring*, and Le Tissier scored Southampton's second, but Garry Parker and Robins *replied for Leicester*.

Nottingham Forest, who drew 2-2 at Wimbledon on Saturday, should know this week whether Stan Collymore, their £6.5 million rated forward, will be with them next season. "Hopefully, it will be all sorted out one way or the other before we go to Singapore on Thursday," he said.

Klinsmann bids his final farewell

Alyson Rudd *sees the German international play his last game for Tottenham Hotspur*

A couple of thousand travelling Leeds United supporters made all the noise inside the packed White Hart Lane stadium. Their fervour was not just because the departure of Jürgen Klinsmann had thrown the whole of Tottenham Hotspur into glum reverie, but also because Leeds had something to shout about in this 1-1 draw.

It is easier to scream for a place in Europe than for a departing European. And that was partly why Klinsmann *decided to leave. He could not* envisage Tottenham challenging for a European title in the time he has left as a *top-class* player.

There had been rumours that Tottenham supporters would turn on Klinsmann. It had been a moving love affair but then Klinsmann had uttered those words: "I love you .. but". The German international was able to qualify his *affection courtesy of a get-out* clause in his contract that everyone else had conveniently forgotten.

But should we have been so surprised that Jürgen decided to leave England? The strain of always saying the right thing at the right time with a *winning smile and a twinkle in his* eye while putting in consistently impressive performances on the pitch must *have taken its toll.*

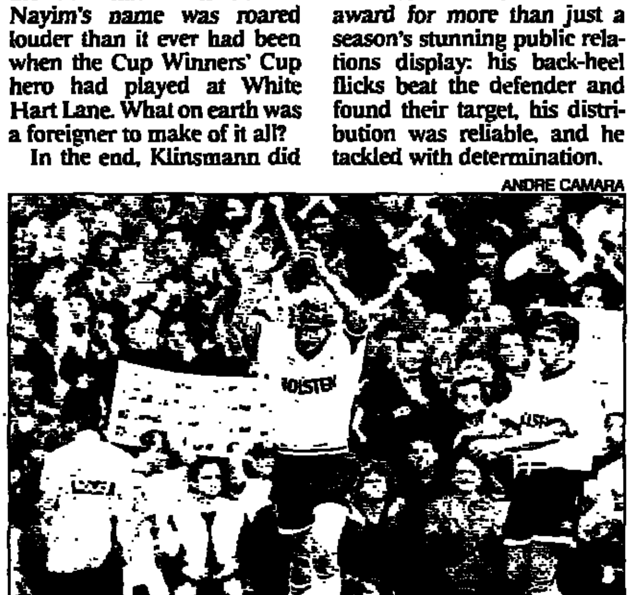
Back home, *Klinsmann is not going* to be asked for a running commentary on the warmth and generosity of German football spectators.

Such are the complexities of the ardour of the English supporter that to maintain such mutual respect would have been exhausting.

Yesterday, those complexities were in full song. Alan Shearer's name was roared out *by the Leeds' faithful*, delighted that Manchester United's chances of retaining the title had been dented. *Nayim's name was roared* louder than it ever had been when the Cup Winners' Cup hero had played at White Hart Lane. What on earth was a foreigner to make of it all?

In the end, Klinsmann did not have to cope with a single ounce of animosity. This was thanks, in part, to Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, making Klinsmann captain for the day and partly to a gutsy, unselfish performance from Klinsmann. He did not *add to his 29 goal tally* for the season but he reminded everyone present that he had won the Footballer of the Year *award for more than just a* season's stunning public relations display: his back-heel flicks beat the defender and found their target, his distribution was reliable, and he tackled with determination.

ANDRE CAMARA



Klinsmann applauds the supporters as he is cheered off

In many ways it was the perfect farewell *because* Klinsmann did not score. Tottenham supporters have to take heart from the fact that there were other stars on the pitch. Sheringham's 30th minute goal was an excellent volley. Both McMahon and Turner, products of Tottenham's youth system, were impressive and Walker, in the Tottenham goal, was, at *times, an acrobatic genius.*

Klinsmann reassured Tottenham and the Premiership *that* leaving England was one of the *most* difficult decisions of his life. Instead of wallowing in self-pity, Tottenham and Klinsmann supporters should remember that if anything, the departure is his loss. For all the low points this season, it was a *memorable* final weekend and there are many worldwide who dream of playing a part in the demanding, *passionate* brand of football seen in Britain. *Klinsmann will say it meant a* lot and there can be no doubt he will believe that.

Yesterday, Klinsmann left the pitch clutching a lavender posy and then left the ground in his little black Volkswagen flanked by protective stewards. There was no hysteria. But rest assured: England's football is admired enough to attract many more like him.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — S Nethercott, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — G McMahon (sub. J Dozzell 82min), D Kerslake, D Anderton, A Turner — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann
LEEDS UNITED (4-5-1): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, A Dorigo — R Wallace (sub: N Sharp, 82), G McAllister, G Speed, C Palmer, B Deane — A Yeboah.
Referee. P Durkin

Villa fans spared anguished ending

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Aston Villa 1

By Russell Kempson

SO MUCH hope, hype and expectation, over nine months of craft and graft, effectively ended in the space of a *tumultuous minute yesterday.* At St James's Park, Newcastle United took the lead against Crystal Palace; at Hillsborough, Sheffield Wednesday edged ahead of Ipswich Town; and at Carrow Road, Aston Villa went in front against Norwich City.

And that was about it. Palace were doomed, joining Norwich, Ipswich and Leicester City in the Endsleigh Insurance League, and Villa and Wednesday could breathe again. Thus, the Villa supporters were spared an excruciat*ing 90 minutes*.

News of Palace's imminent demise had filtered through to them swiftly and, suddenly, it was all so easy to mock their yellow and green counterparts with chants of "We'll meet again". The Norfolk cognoscenti, such long-suffering souls, had only literary and verbal protests aimed at Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, with which to amuse *themselves*.

The goal that soothed Villa's nerves came from Staunton in the seventh minute — at virtually the same time as Fox, of Newcastle, and Whittingham, of Wednesday, were driving similar nails into Palace's coffin. Yorke took a short corner, Townsend clipped the ball over and Staunton, the captain, glanced his header inside the far post.

What followed was entirely predictable. The Villa players got a whiff off what was going *on elsewhere and were content* simply to control and absorb. Norwich offered no realistic threat.

At least the second half improved, with a more energetic Villa and a more enthusiastic Norwich competing as though they meant it. Yorke struck a post, having scampered through alone against Marshall, and Goss volleyed in a spectacular equaliser, in the 56th minute after Ward had laid the ball back.

Bowen and Crook made attempts to bid farewell to the *Premiership with a Norwich* victory, Spink having to make a magnificent save from Crook's 30-yarder, but their *efforts, like those during the* season, were in vain.

Although Villa supporters danced a joyous conga, they had little to shout about. A narrow escape from relegation was not much to be proud of.

NORWICH CITY (4-3-3): A Marshall — C Bradshaw, J Newsome, J Polston, M Bowen — D Sutch, I Crook, J Goss — A Akinbiyi (sub: M Sheron, 72min), A Ward, R Ullathorne
ASTON VILLA (5-3-2): N Spink — G Charles, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, S Teale, A Wright — G Fenton (sub: P King, 87), S Staunton, A Townsend — D Saunders (sub: T Johnson, 45), D Yorke
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

United's demise born of dwelling on distinguished past

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

A city was mislaid on Saturday. Through a combination of accident and negligence, both Dundee clubs, for the first time in 48 years, have been lost from Scottish football's top flight. Dundee failed to be promoted back there on Saturday, falling just short, on goal *difference, of a play-off place* in the first division despite winning 5-0 at Stranraer.

That sort of wretchedness, *however, has enveloped the* Dens Park side for years. There was rather more pathos at Tannadice, where Dundee *United lost 1-0 to Celtic and* were relegated. Even victory would have been doom-laden, for Aberdeen's 2-0 win at Falkirk *guaranteed them a* play-off position in any case.

The Pittodrie team now meet *the first division runners-up*, Dunfermline Athletic, in matches to be played on May 21-25. Aberdeen have the first leg at home.

Dundee United must deal with a more drastic fate. Their place now goes to the first division champions, the extraordinary *Raith Rovers*. On Saturday, Celtic supporters celebrated United's demotion with ingenious cruelty, sing*ing "We'll Meet Again". That* vindictiveness, however, was available only to those caught up in the emotions of the *match*.

Everyone else will be struck by the oddity of a premier division without Dundee United, *who were accomplished* enough to win the Tennents Scottish Cup only last season. *Since the late 1960s the* Tannadice club has, in some respects, set a good example as well as fielding a good team. United provided evidence of the enduring power of cunning thrift.

Some of the associated statistics carry an audacity which *could make you giggle*. They have, for instance, played four matches against Barcelona in European competition and won them *all*. *Day-dreams* about such events, however, can no longer be tolerated at the club. United is in decline *precisely because of a tendency to live in the past.*

The chairman, Jim McLean, who was manager *for 22 years until 1993, virtually* is United's history. His place in the club's future, however, provokes argument. McLean is full of unmistak*able hints* that all present problems should be attributed to Ivan Golac, the manager dismissed to make way for *Billy Kirkwood*, in *March*. This is a glib interpretation.

The signings made by *Golac at Tannadice provoked* general dismay, but one must still ask whether he truly had a chance to sign better players. *Few footballers feel* drawn to a club which has adamantly refused to alter its policy of paying a low basic wage and more generous bonuses. However sensible McLean may feel the practice to be, it puts United at a severe competitive disadvantage.

Kilmarnock, for instance, has found the means to rebuild its team while United was succumbing to staleness. It would be wrong only to denigrate McLean. Anyone who looks at the rebuilt Tannadice must acknowledge *the manner in which the force* of his belief has given United impetus. His resolve, however, *is only one aspect of a* brooding personality: the temperament is self-lacerating.

Fanzines have been known *to amuse themselves by drawing up entire teams composed* of United players who have walked out on the club over the years. This season, there have even been threats of legal action by members of the team irate over their contractual position. The discord must have taken its toll.

McLean seems set on remaining as chairman, but United will suffer if he cannot prove himself capable of flexibility as well as rigour. Nobody at Tannadice should suppose that they will be *promoted next season by dint* of reputation alone.

For some, the future is *intriguing* rather than forbidding. Rangers' attempt to sign Paul Gascoigne from Lazio continues but Everton appear *to have joined the array of* bidders. In any case, the Ibrox club is keeping open other options. A Rangers coach, Ewan Chester, watched the Croatian striker, Davor Suker, play for Seville in the goalless draw with Déportivo La Coruña at the weekend.

Suker has galvanised his country's attempt to qualify for the European championship finals, scoring both goals in a 2-1 victory over Italy in Palermo. Rangers are evidently determined only to buy players who have proved their capabilities at that sort of exalted level.

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By Louise Taylor

Champions built on steel

ARTE ET LABORE

Rob Hughes salutes the role played by Jack Walker in the regeneration of Blackburn Rovers, a club back among the titled classes after an 81-year wait

The fact that Blackburn Rovers completed their transformation from destitute no-hopers to champions of England at Anfield yesterday was more poignant than most people realise. It was at Liverpool, of course, where Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, fulfilled himself as a player, and at Liverpool, too, where Emlyn Hughes built a reputation of his own.

Yet, in *The Daily Mirror* on October 10, 1991, Hughes had warned: "Kenny, you would be bonkers to go to Blackburn: wrong place, wrong time, wrong working conditions. You shouldn't touch it with a bargepole."

Little did Hughes appreciate, little did many others suspect, that, by hiring Dalglish as the catalyst and team-builder of the new Rovers, Jack Walker, the club's benefactor, was preparing an important social change in the North West, the like of which football had not envisaged.

The magnitude of what Walker, through Dalglish and others, has achieved in less than four years is spelt out in the arithmetic of his spending. He committed £50 million to the team and to remodelling the stadium on its 100-year-old site ... and that £50 million represented treble the annual net expenditure of the Blackburn Borough Council in those days.

Walker footed the bill, Dalglish found the players, Ray Harford blended and trained them into a modern, pragmatic, winning unit, and the whole of football began to realise that Blackburn was far from the wrong place.

Of course there are dimensions to Manchester United, on and off the field, that Rovers do not yet possess. United arguably lost the title on two days in September, with defeats at Leeds and Ipswich, when their team selection mirrored the distraction of playing games in the same week in the intended assault on the European Cup. United are in the FA Cup Final this weekend, and have come within seven days of being the first club to complete successive league and FA Cup doubles.

So the commitment to flair at Old Trafford that was not a requirement in the pragmatic upsurge at Blackburn was an extra burden for a club that fell just a victory short of retaining the ultimate prize in the domestic game.

There was also the Cantona factor, the indiscipline that undoubtedly diverted the closest run race for six years to Ewood Park. However, when, last Monday, Dalglish pointed out that Blackburn's average crowd was 10,000 when he and Harford joined, and that the new stadium was accommodating more than 30,000 that night, he correctly indicated the astonishing progress of this Lancashire club.

Blackburn Rovers are the first *town* club from what once was a prosperous east Lancashire citadel of the game to win the title since Burnley in 1960. Look at the catchment area of Blackburn and Darwen; consider that it houses just 142,700 people, and that Manchester United supporters' club has 122,000 subscribed members. Consider that United, already with an average attendance over 43,000, are to spend £27 million on a third tier of the North Stand to take the weekly audience to 55,000.

Yet there is more, far more, to Blackburn's uprising than what is seen on the field. Some of us have sat at Ewood Park this past three years watching as, around the £30 million reshaping of the team, the stands have been demolished one by one. Victorian stands were razed to the ground; Victorian houses, too — 77 properties were bought by Walker and cleared away so that the new Walker Steel grandstands could be erected in the image of the stadium of Rangers at Ibrox Park. History disappeared, cobbled streets and tramlines were tarmacked over.

Walker himself says little, but we know that his heroes were Bryan Douglas, Ron Clayton and other local born and bred players. Douglas, in particular, was an inspirational little man, his feet dancing at Ewood Park on a Saturday, and standing over a market stall to eke out his wages on other days. That, like the buildings, was history and nostalgia.

The new Rovers man is Alan Shearer, whose weekly pay packet could buy half the career earnings of some of the forgotten giants of Blackburn's past, men who last won a championship medal 81 years ago. Yet he is a much admired modern soldier of the playing field, admired in a town that has known depravation, admired for the power and the commitment of his level-headed approach.

If, around Shearer and Chris Sutton, around the towering defending of Colin Hendry, many people see a pragmatic tenacity rather than a free-flowing style, then Shearer himself answers that first the prize has to be won, no matter how. Last month, Howard Wilkinson, himself something of a pragmatist and the manager of Leeds United, spoke respectfully of the remorselessness of Rovers. "You can see the sort of pain that is necessary," Wilkinson said. "I'm talking about full backs making long overlaps, about wingers, strikers, chasing people, using their arms and a gentle tug, push or shove. I'm talking about the great hunger to compete."

Indeed, he is talking of the style that Rovers personify, even if they are not first to invent it. Their motto, "*Arte et labore*", has been turned around, more labour than art. Yet it was Juan Carlos Lorenzo, a ruthless Argentinian coach, who identified decades ago that "football used to be run for the players. Now it is played by the runners."

In Blackburn, from the mayor's office to the surgery of Jack Straw, the local MP, they claim that Blackburn, the town, has been put back on the map by the football club. "That man has done more for Blackburn than any other individual in the town since the last war," Straw said.

Walker began his love affair with football by standing on terraces now consigned to history at the Blackburn End 55 years ago. He built, out of a small scrap metal business, a steel stockholding empire that he sold to British Steel for £360 million. Then he came back, in his private jet from his home in Jersey, to rebuild the club and refocus the town. In business and in sport, Walker has a philosophy. It was written on his office wall, framed around verse given to him by a Blackburn printing company while he was building up his millions:

"If you think you are outclassed, you are;
You've got to think high to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can."

Walker persuaded Dalglish, who persuaded Shearer and the rest, to think what others in the game doubted. Today, they are the champions.

Walker relishes the moment of triumph yesterday, the culmination of his multi-million efforts to put Blackburn firmly on the map

Harriers caught by Fielder

Kidderminster Harriers	1
Woking	2

(aet; 1-1 after 90min)

By Walter Gammie

ONLY two minutes of extra time remained at Wembley yesterday when Colin Fielder headed the goal that brought an unexpected flourish to a match that had come to a near standstill and ensured that Woking retained the Umbro FA Trophy.

Fielder was left free on the six-yard line as Mark Tucker, at the far post, headed back a deep corner from the right by Shane Wye and put the Surrey side in the record books as only the second club, after Scarborough, to retain the trophy in its 26 years.

The match had opened spectacularly with a splendid goal, after only 59 seconds, Scott Steele placing a shot from 25 yards beyond Rose in the Kidderminster goal.

The second half started with an equaliser that came almost as quickly, Paul Davies stabbing out a foot with the scoring instinct of a man claiming his 269th goal in his 571st appearance for the club.

The respect that the sides had proclaimed for each other then stifled further adventure. Even in extra time there were no slips in concentration until Kidderminster, fatally, left Fielder free.

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (4-4-2): K Rose — S Hodson, C Brindley (sub: N Cartwright, 93min), P Webb, P Bancroft — R Forsyth, M Yates, J Deakin, J Purdie — D Humphreys (sub: L Hughes, 106), P Davies.
WOKING (5-3-2): L Batty — J Crumplin (sub: K Rattray, 46min), K Brown, C Fielder, M Tucker, L Wye — S Wye, A Ellis, S Steele — C Walker, D Hay (sub: R Newbery, 111).
Referee: D Gallagher.

Reading prove value of two heads

Tranmere Rovers	1
Reading	3

By Peter Ball

IF HAVING two player-managers means performances like this, perhaps every club should try it. Reading are on the brink of Wembley after winning the first leg of their Endsleigh League first division play-off semi-final with a magnificent performance at Prenton Park.

With a second match to come on Wednesday, Reading will take nothing for granted, but they were in a different class from Tranmere Rovers yesterday. They have won their last five matches and, if they do reach Wembley, Wolverhampton Wanderers or Bolton Wanderers will do well to prevent one of the Football League's habitual underachievers from getting into the Premiership.

Normally, a 3-1 away win in a play-off is cause for celebration. Reading can only regret that they did not put the tie completely out of Tranmere's reach; 5-1 rather than 3-1 would have better reflected their superiority.

"Play-offs are about keeping your nerve," John King, the Tranmere manager, said before the game. Reading did, playing splendid football in a pressure situation. "That is the best performance since Mick Gooding and I took over before Christmas," Jimmy Quinn, their joint player-manager, said afterwards.

While Reading were relaxed and confident, Tranmere looked a bundle of nerves. Yesterday, their defence was at sixes and sevens throughout, looking uncertain even before an appalling error provided Reading's first goal, after only nine minutes. Thomas's poor header let in Gooding, who teed it up for Lovell to score.

Morrissey, at least, was immune from Tranmere's general uncertainty, and he beat Gilkes to send over a deep cross five minutes later. Malkin came in beyond the far post and powered a header past Hislop to equalise.

That they stayed level until the 75th minute said more about Reading's profligacy than their virtues. With Gooding orchestrating the midfield, Gilkes running free down the left, Nogan and Lovell pulling McGreal and the Garnett this way and that, Reading could have won the game by the interval.

They should have had it won soon afterwards, but Taylor and Lovell missed glaring opportunities. Finally, Nogan cut in from the left, played a one-two with Taylor and shot home. Nogan was instrumental when Reading made the game completely safe seven minutes later. Nixon saved his shot, but could only push it away and Lovell claimed his second goal.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — A Thomas (sub: G Brannan 69min), J McGreal, S Garnett, G Stevens — J Morrissey, L O'Brien, K Irons, P Nevin — J Aldridge, C Malkin.
READING (1-4-3-2): S Hislop — D Wdowczyk — A Bernal, A Williams, K McPherson, M Gilkes — S Taylor, S Osborne, M Gooding — L Nogan, S Lovell.
Referee: J Kirkby.

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Chances tossed away in high-stake game

Huddersfield Town	1
Brentford	1

By Simon Barnes

HUDDERSFIELD Town possess what is called a state-of-the-art stadium; yesterday, it was home to authentic state-of-the-art neurosis.

Yes, it is that play-off time of year again. Welcome to English football's annual festival of angst. After ten months it comes to this — two rolls of the dice for the chance to advance the cause a step further.

It was time to stake all, and so Huddersfield went for all-out attack in the first leg of the second-division semi-final. They went forward on two wingers and an awful lot of prayer. Such a tactic puts a dreadful amount of pressure on a team, but then so does every other tactic at this time of year. So it was Brentford that mounted all the early attacks as Huddersfield twitched and dithered.

Yet after nine minutes, with their first authentic attack, Huddersfield were ahead. Booth's low cross found Billy forsaking his wing for the six-yard box. After taking an age and a *half* to control the ball, he banged home firmly.

Brentford had not come to defend; they wanted a goal or two to take back for the second leg on Wednesday, and they were happy to throw men forward. After 41 minutes, the goal came, as Smith touched to Forster and he fast and busy, finished with a walloping, rising volley.

The neurosis took a difference form after the break. Crazed defences, headless chicken attacks, ceaseless action, passion unstemmed. Each side could have had a dozen; I can only conclude that an invisible and impenetrable force field surrounded both goals.

Taylor had the best chances; if Brentford fail to progress, he will feel horribly responsible. In the first minute of the half, Forster set him up and, with most of the goal to aim at, he hit the bar.

He was to have a still better chance when Forster's cross gave him as easy a chance as a forward can hope for. His calm, measured strike went well wide.

Huddersfield had chance after chance of their own. Mundee and Jepson both drew fine saves from Dearden and Billy hit the post.

Killer stat: there were 26 corners in this match, 14-12 in Huddersfield's favour. It was an afternoon of splendid frenzy, the stakes too high for anybody's comfort.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-2-4): S Francis — S Trevitt, P Scully, L Sinnott, T Cowan — D Bullock, L Duxbury — C Billy, A Booth, R Jepson, G Crosby (sub: I Dunn, 77min).
BRENTFORD (4-4-2): K Dearden — B Statham (sub: C Hutchings, 90), B Ashby, J Bates, M Granger — D Mundee, P Smith, S Ratcliffe, P Stephenson — R Taylor, N Forster.
Referee: S Dunn.

Shilton hoping for final assignment

Wolverhampton W	2
Bolton Wanderers	1

By Keith Pike

A SEASON dominated by sleaze, strife and innuendo could yet finish in a flood of old-fashioned romance and nostalgia. Four months short of his 46th birthday, Peter Shilton is within 90 minutes of a return to Wembley for the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off final with Bolton Wanderers.

It would be the most extraordinary finale to a playing career that has reached such peaks, and, for it to happen, Shilton must keep his place and Bolton must overturn on Wednesday the 2-1 deficit that Wolverhampton Wanderers opened up in a pulsating semi-final at Molineux yesterday; but do not bet against it. But for Shilton, Wolverhampton would have their place at Wembley on May 29 assured. At times, particularly in the first half, Shilton seemed to be playing them on his own.

Two of his early saves, from Kelly and Bull, were as agile and expert as any that he can have produced in his career, and who is to say that Shilton did not deserve his luck in the later stages, when Wolverhampton could have added three or four goals to their advantage.

Graham Taylor, the Wolverhampton manager, could have been excused for tearing his hair out at the end of a match so completely dominated by his team, but he stayed on the touchline long enough to offer a congratulatory handshake at the end to Shilton, whose international career ended nearly five years ago with what was then a world record tally of 125 caps for England.

Recruited as cover during Bolton's run to the Coca-Cola Cup final, Shilton, who made the 996th league appearance of his career as a substitute against Stoke City last month, was given the chance by Bruce Rioch, the Bolton manager, to start a senior match for the first time in 19 months because of Branagan's injury and the impending suspension of Davison, the No 2. Shilton may now be third choice, but he remains first-rate.

Despite his brilliance, however, Wolverhampton were not to be denied. The intensity of their attacks had Bolton defending desperately and, just before half-time, the pressure told, Bull powering a header from Dennison's cross just inside a post.

Bolton threatened to turn the game on its head 70 seconds into the second half when McAteer, with a mixture of good fortune and audacious vision, floated a 25-yard shot past Stowell for an equaliser, but Wolverhampton simply stepped up a gear.

Six minutes later, another corner — one of 19 that Wolverhampton won — was floated in by Cowans, Goodman leapt prodigiously to head back across goal, and Venus rose to nod in from minimal range.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — A Thompson, P Shirtliff, M Venus, D Goodman — M Rankine, G Cowans, R Dennison — S Bull, D Kelly.
BOLTON WANDERERS (4-3-2): P Shilton — S Green, A Stubbs, G Bergsson, J Dreyer, J Phillips, J McAteer, N McDonald, A Thompson, J McGinlay (sub: O Coyle, 71min), M Paatelainen.
Referee: C Wilkes.

Everything to play for in play-offs

THE Endsleigh Insurance League second and third division play-off semi-finals could hardly be more evenly balanced for the second-leg matches on Wednesday (David Powell writes). Three of the four first-leg games played yesterday ended level. Only Bury, with a 1-0 win away to Preston North End, broke the deadlock.

The closeness of the second division table, which shows the four play-off teams separated by five points, was reflected in two drawn matches. Huddersfield Town were held 1-1 at home by Brentford and Crewe Alexandra held Bristol Rovers 0-0 at Twerton Park.

Bristol dominated against Crewe but failed to break down a defence which had to reorganise after losing Shaun Smith with a facial injury after 18 minutes. Gus Wilson, Smith's replacement, made a goalmouth clearance from Worrell Sterling and Danny Murphy cleared off the line to deny Bristol.

In the third division semi-finals, Preston were beaten by a fortieth minute goal from David Pugh. Phil Stant missed an open goal in the last minute for Bury, but Preston squandered the greater number of chances.

Bury should feel confident for the home leg, having finished 13 points ahead of Preston in the league. Chesterfield, who finished 16 points ahead of Mansfield Town, were leading at Field Mill through a 64th minute goal from Robinson, but Stewart Hadley equalised eight minutes later.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

WIMBLEDON (2) 2 **NOTTM FOREST** (1) 2
Holdsworth 35, 40 (pen) Phillips 14
15,341 Stone 73

Wimbledon: N Sullivan (sub: H Segers, 75min), V Jones, E Ekoku, D Holdsworth, G Elkins (sub: J Goodman, 84), A Reeves, A Kimble, M Gayle (sub: A Clarke, 71), C Perry, O Leonhardsen, K Cunningham.

Booked: Jones, Kimble, Perry.

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips, S Gemmill, S Collymore, S Stone, J Lee, I Woan.

Booked: Pearce, Lee.

Referee: S J Lodge

Yesterday

CHELSEA (1) 2 **ARSENAL** (1) 1
Furlong 20 Hartson 23
Stein 52 29,542

Chelsea: D Kharine, A Clarke, S Minto, F Sinclair, P Furlong, M Stein, G Peacock, D Hopkin (sub: G Rix, 82min), N Spackman, G Hoddle (sub: C Burley, 73), D Lee.

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, A Adams, I Wright, P Merson, S Bould, J Hartson, J Jensen, R Parlour, G Helder (sub: P Dickov, 75), G McGowan (sub: A Linighan, 40).

Referee: J Worrall.

COVENTRY (0) 0 **EVERTON** (0) 0
21,814

Coventry City: J Filan, B Borrows, D Burrows, D Rennie, A Pickering, K Richardson, G Strachan, J Darby, L Jenkinson, P Ndlovu, D Dublin.

Everton: N Southall, J Parkinson, E Barrett, M Jackson, D Unsworth, G Ablett, J Ebbrell, V Samways (sub: D Ferguson, 45min), A Limpar, G Stuart, D Amokachi

Booked: Ebbrell.

Referee: P Jones

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 **BLACKBURN RVRS** (1) 1
Barnes 64 Shearer 20
Redknapp 90 40,014

Liverpool: D James, P Babb, N Clough, J Barnes, J Scales (sub: D Matteo, 82min), J Redknapp, M Thomas, S McManaman, M Kennedy, S Harkness, R Fowler

Booked: McManaman, Kennedy, Harkness.
Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux, S Ripley, A Shearer, C Sutton, H Berg, D Batty, I Pearce.
Booked: Le Saux.
Referee: D Elleray

MANCHESTER C (1) 2 **QPR** (1) 3
Quinn 26 Ferdinand 13, 89
Curle 80 (pen) Dichio 77
27,850

Manchester City: J Burridge, R Edghill, J Foster, K Curle, A Kernaghan, M Gaudino (sub: P Simpson, 83min), G Flitcroft, N Summerbee, P Walsh (sub: S Thomas, 83), N Quinn, U Rosler.
Queens Park Rangers: A Roberts, D Bardsley, R Brevett, A McDonald, D Maddix, S Barker, A Impey, G Peacock, L Ferdinand, K Gallen (sub: D Dichio, 73), T Sinclair (sub: S Yates, 57).
Booked: Brevett, Maddix, Barker.
Referee: M Reed.

NEWCASTLE UTD (3) 3 **CRYSTAL PALACE** (0) 2
Fox 6 Armstrong 51
Lee 26 Houghton 81
Gillespie 28 35,626

Newcastle United: P Srnicek, M Hottiger, M Beresford, S Howey, D Peacock, S Watson, R Fox, K Gillespie, L Clark, R Lee, P Beardsley.
Booked: Howey.
Crystal Palace: N Martyn, D Gordon, D Pitcher, E Young, R Shaw, G Southgate, R Houghton, R Newman (sub: I Cox, 81min), J Salako (sub: B Dyer, 45), C Armstrong, I Dowie.
Booked: Pitcher, Southgate, Newman.
Referee: G Ashby.

NORWICH CITY (0) 1 **ASTON VILLA** (1) 1
Goss 56 Staunton 7
19,374

Norwich City: A Marshall, K Bradshaw, M Bowen, J Polston, J Newsome, D Sutch, I Crook, J Goss, R Ullathorne, A Ward, A Akinbiyi (sub: M Sheron, 72min).
Booked: Polston.
Aston Villa: N Spink, U Ehiogu, A Wright, P McGrath, S *Teale, G Charles, A Townsend, S Fenton (sub: P King, 87)*, S Staunton, D Yorke, D Saunders (sub: T Johnson, 45).
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd)

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 4 **IPSWICH TOWN** (0) 1
Whittingham 7, 58 Mathie 50
Williams 55 Bright 89 30,213

Sheffield Wednesday: C Woods, P Atherton, I Nolan, C Waddle, D Hirst (sub: M Bright, 68min), J Sheridan (sub: G Hyde, 57), A Pearce, A Sinton, D Walker, G Whittingham, M Williams.
Booked: Pearce.
Ipswich Town: T Wright, M Stockwell, F Yallop, C Swailes, D Linighan (sub: D Gregory, 84), C Thomsen (sub: A Tanner, 25), G Williams, S Milton, P Mason, L Chapman, A Mathie.
Booked: Milton.
Referee: G Poll

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 **LEICESTER CITY** ( )
Monkou 21 Parker 58 Robins 89
Le Tissier 56 15,101

Southampton: D Beasant, F Benali, J Magilton, R Hall, K Monkou, M Le Tissier (sub: N Heaney, 57min), N Shipperley (sub: T Widdrington, 57), N Maddison, S Charlton, J Dodd, Watson.
Leicester City: K Poole, J Lawrence, J Willis, C Hill, B Carey (sub: M Robins, 79), S Grayson (sub: D Lowe, 68), G Parker, M Draper, J Joachim, I Roberts, N Whitlow
Referee: K Burge.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 **LEEDS UNITED** (0) 1
Sheringham 30 Deane 67
33,040

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, J Edinburgh, K Calderwood, G *Mabbutt, D Anderton, E Sheringham, S Nethercott, A Turner*, J Klinsmann, J Kerslake, G McMahon (sub: J Dozzell, 83min)
Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, A Dorigo, C Palmer, D Wetherall, D Wallace (sub: K Sharp, 82), B Deane, G McAllister, G Speed, J Pemberton, A Yeboah
Booked: Palmer
Referee: P Durkin.

WEST HAM UTD (1) 1 **MANCHESTER U** (0) 1
Hughes 31 *McClair 52*
24,783

West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, M Rieper, S Potts, K Rowland, M Hughes (sub: S Webster, 88min), I Bishop, J Moncur, D Hutchison (sub: M Allen, 84), T Morley, M Holmes.
Booked: Holmes.
Manchester United: P Schmeichel, D Irwin, L Sharpe, G Pallister, P Ince, B McClair, S Bruce, R Keane (sub: P Scholes, 77), A Cole, N Butt (sub: M Hughes, 46), G Neville.
Booked: Bruce, Hughes.
Referee: A Wilkie.

Le Tissier: goal against Leicester

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	34	2	1	37
Fowler (Liverpool)	25	6	0	31
Wright (Arsenal)	18	3	9	30
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	20	9	0	29
Le Tissier (Southampton)	19	9	0	28
Cole (Man Utd)	21	2	4	27
(15 for Newcastle)				
Ferdinand (QPR)	24	2	0	26
Collymore (Nottm Forest)	22	3	0	25
Ward (Norwich)	16	9	0	25
(17 for Crewe)				

THE CHAMPIONS

BLACKBURN Rovers' superior win differential (17 home wins and 10 away wins) finally won them the FA Carling Premiership title. The close margin of Blackburn's victory was largely caused by their unconvincing record against the top six, Rovers beating Nottingham Forest twice, gaining four points against Newcastle, three against Liverpool, two versus Leeds and none from runners-up Manchester United. The probable key to their championship-winning side was a consistency of personnel, with just 21 players used. Their leading scorer, Alan Shearer, did not miss a league game and equalled Andy Cole's Premiership scoring record of 34, the second consecutive season in which he has scored more than 30 goals.

POINTS DROPPED: Losses (6): 0-2 West Ham; 2-3 Man City; 1-3 Tottenham; 0-1 Man Utd; 2-4 Man Utd; 1-2 Norwich; 1-2 Liverpool. Home draws (2): 0-0 Norwich; 1-1 Leeds.

Appearances	1st 11	Sub	Goal	Bkd	Sent off
Atkins	30	4	6	1	—
Batty	4	1	—	2	—
Berg	40	—	1	3	1
Flowers	39	—	—	—	1
Gale	15	—	—	1	—
Gallacher	1	—	1	—	—
Hendry	38	—	4	4	—
Kenna	9	—	1	1	—
Le Saux	39	—	3	8	—
Mimms	3	1	—	—	—
Newell	2	10	—	2	—
Pearce	22	6	—	2	—
Ripley	36	1	—	1	—
Shearer	42	—	34	4	—
Sherwood	38	—	5	10	—
Slater	12	6	—	3	—
Sutton	40	—	*15	6	—
Warhurst	20	7	2	6	—
Wilcox	27	—	5	5	2
Witschge	1	—	—	—	—
Wright	4	1	—	1	—
Totals (players used)	(21)	37	*78	59	4

*Two of Blackburn's goals were scored by opponents, including one goal originally credited to Sutton but later designated an own goal.

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Blackburn	42	17	2	2	54	21	10	6	5	26	18	89	+41
2 Man Utd	42	16	4	1	42	4	10	6	5	35	24	88	+49
3 Nottm For	42	12	6	3	36	18	10	5	6	36	25	77	+29
4 Liverpool	42	13	5	3	38	13	8	6	7	27	24	74	+28
5 Leeds	42	13	5	3	35	15	7	8	6	24	23	73	+21
6 Newcastle	42	14	6	1	46	20	6	6	9	21	27	72	+20
7 Tottenham	42	10	5	6	32	25	6	9	6	34	33	62	+8
8 QPR	42	11	3	7	36	26	6	6	9	25	33	60	+2
9 Wimbledon	42	9	5	7	26	26	6	6	9	22	39	56	-17
10 Soton	42	8	9	4	33	27	4	9	8	28	36	54	-2
11 Chelsea	42	7	7	7	25	22	6	8	7	25	33	54	-5
12 Arsenal	42	6	9	6	27	21	7	3	11	25	28	51	+3
13 Sheff Wed	42	7	7	7	26	26	6	5	10	23	31	51	-8
14 West Ham	42	9	6	6	28	19	4	5	12	16	29	50	-4
15 Everton	42	8	9	4	31	23	3	8	10	13	28	50	-7
16 Coventry	42	7	7	7	23	25	5	7	9	21	37	50	-18
17 Man City	42	8	7	6	37	28	4	6	11	16	36	49	-11
18 Aston Villa	42	6	9	6	27	24	5	6	10	24	32	48	-5
19 C Palace	42	6	6	9	16	23	5	6	10	18	26	45	-15
20 Norwich	42	8	8	5	27	21	2	5	14	10	33	43	-17
21 Leicester	42	5	6	10	28	37	1	5	15	17	43	29	-35
22 Ipswich	42	5	3	13	24	34	2	3	16	12	59	27	-57

Endsleigh Insurance League

Promotion play-offs
Semi-finals, first leg

FIRST DIVISION

TRANMERE RVRS (1) 1 **READING** (1) 3
Malkin 15 Lovell 9, 81
12,207 Nogan 74

Tranmere Rovers: Nixon, Stevens, Thomas (sub: Brannan, 68min), McGreal, Garnett, O'Brien, Morrissey, Aldridge, Malkin, Irons, Nevin
Booked: Garnett, Malkin.
Reading: Hislop, Bernal, Osborn, Wdowczyk, Williams, McPherson, Gilkes, Gooding, Nogan, Lovell, Taylor
Referee: J Kirkby

WOLVERHAMPTON (1) 2 **BOLTON WDRS** (0) 1
Bull 44 McAteer 46
Venus 51 26,153

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Stowell, Thompson, Venus, Rankine, Richards, Shirtliff, Goodman, Kelly, Bull, Cowans, Dennison
Bolton Wanderers: Shilton, Green, Phillips, McAteer, Bergsson, Stubbs, McDonald, Dreyer, Paatelainen, McGinlay (sub: Coyle, 71min), Thompson
Booked: Phillips, McDonald
Sent off: McDonald, 79
Referee: C Wilkes.

SECOND DIVISION

BRISTOL RVRS (0) 0 *CREWE ALEX* (0) 0
8,538

Bristol Rovers: Parkin, Pritchard, Gurney, Stewart (sub: Channing, 79min), Clark, Tillson, Sterling, Miller, Taylor, Skinner, Archer
Crewe Alexandra: Gayle, Booty, S Smith (sub: Wilson, 18), Barr, MacAuley, Whalley, Tierney, Collins, Adebola (sub: Clarkson, 83), Lennon, Murphy
Referee: F Alcock.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 **BRENTFORD** (1) 1
Billy 9 Forster 42
14,160

Huddersfield: Francis, Trevitt, Cowan, Bullock, Scully, Sinnott, Billy, Dunbury, Booth, Jepson, Crosby (sub: Dunn, 78min)
Brentford: Dearden, Statham (sub: Hutchings, 90), Grainger, Ashby, Bates, Ratcliffe, Smith, Forster, Taylor, Stephenson, Mundee.
Booked: Ashby
Referee: S Dunn

THIRD DIVISION

MANSFIELD TOWN (0) 1 **CHESTERFIELD** (0) 1
Hadley 72 Robinson 64
6,582

Mansfield Town: Ward, Boothroyd, Baraclough, Holland, Howarth, Peters, Ireland, Parkin, Wilkinson, Onuora (sub: Lampkin, 30min), Hadley
Booked: Parkin
Chesterfield: Beasley, Hewitt, Rogers, Curtis, Carr, Law, Robinson, Davies (sub: Howard, 45), Lormor, Moss, Perkins.
Booked: Law, Davies
Referee: P Foakes

PRESTON NE (0) 0 **BURY** (1) 1
13,297 Pugh 40

Preston North End: Vaughan, Fensome, Fleming, Raynor (sub: Cartwright, 75min), Kidd, Moyes, Davey, Bryson, Lancashire, Sale (sub: Conroy, 62), Magee
Booked: Lancashire, Sale.
Bury: G Kelly, Woodward, Bimson (sub: Hughes, 45), Daws, Lucketti, Jackson, T Kelly, Carter (sub: Paskin, 74), Stant, Rigby, Pugh.
Booked: Stant, Hughes.
Referee: J Winter

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 **CELTIC** (0) 1
10,842 O'Donnell 75

FALKIRK (0) 0 **ABERDEEN** (1) 2
13,000 Thomson 14
Glass 50

HEARTS (0) 2 *MOTHERWELL* (0) 0
Hamilton 51 11,172
Robertson 69 (pen)

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 **HIBERNIAN** (0) 2
Wright 30 McGinlay 62
11,676 Wright 74

RANGERS (1) 1 **PARTICK** (0) 1
Moore 45 Taylor 87
45,290

FIRST DIVISION

DUNFERMLINE (2) 2 **CLYDEBANK** (0) 1
Robertson 10 Eadie 78
McCathie 39 7,709

HAMILTON (0) 0 **RAITH** (0) 0
5,154

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 **AIRDRIE** (1) 1
Scott 2 *Stewart 16*
Twaddle 86 2,868

ST MIRREN (1) 2 **AYR** (1) 1
Gillies 7 Bilsland 13
McGrotty 80 2,169

STRANRAER (0) 0 **DUNDEE** (1) 5
1,550 Hamilton 9 (pen)
Wieghorst 62, 80
Shaw 88
Tosh 89

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (1) 2 **BRECHIN** (0) 0
Graham 3 424
Banks 54 (pen)

G MORTON (1) 1 **MEADOWBANK** (0) 0
Lilley 7 (pen) 3,165

QUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 1 **CLYDE** (0) 0
McFarlane 26 1,502

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 **EAST FIFE** (1) 1
Fisher 7 *Hutcheon 27*
Mathieson 41 550

STIRLING (0) 0 **DUMBARTON** (0) 2
3,103 Ward 54
Gibson 63

THIRD DIVISION

CALEY THIS (0) 1 **QUEEN'S PARK** (1) 1
Hercher 74 McCormick 19
640

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 **ARBROATH** (1) 1
Soutar 10 Farnan 28
200

FORFAR (2) 2 **ALLOA** (0) 0
Bingham 16 655
Morgan 17 (pen)

MONTROSE (3) 4 **ALBION** (0) 1
Kennedy 17, 22 McEwan 58
McGlashan 44, 71 893

ROSS COUNTY (2) 2 **EAST STIRLING** (1) 3
McPherson 1 Geraghty 41
Macleod 43 Lee 47
1,005 Hunter 73

SENDINGS OFF

Premier division: Dailly (Dundee United), 90. Van Hooijdonk (Celtic), 90

Second division: Paterson (Stirling), 70

NON-LEAGUE

FA Trophy final
(at Wembley)

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1 **WOKING** (1) 2
Davies 46 Steele 1
17,815 Fielder 118
(aet: 1-1 after 90min)

FA Vase final
(at Wembley)

ARLESEY TOWN (1) 2 **OXFORD CITY** (0) 1
Palma 26 Fontaine 56
Gyalog 79 13,670

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Swindon Town 1 Bristol City 1. Second division: Yeovil 1 Cheltenham 0; York 5 Middlesbrough 0.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 0 *Liverpool 0, Bolton 2 Rotherham 1.*
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Nantwich 1 Bootle 1; Penrith 0 Eastwood Hanley 1. Trafford 2 Bradford Park Avenue 4.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Banbury 1 Swindon Supermarine 1; North Leigh 3 Cinderford 3. Pegasus Juniors 0 Fairford 3; Tuffley 3 Abingdon 1.
OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ignatians 5 *Hamptonians 1. Clapham 2 Meadonians 1.* Senior first division: Edmontonians 1 Tenisonians 1. Isleworthians 1 Kingsburians 0. Suttonians 0 Salvatorians 0. Senior second division: Westhamians 6 Meadonians 2. Senior third division: Leyton 0 Salvatorians 1; Latymer 5 Greenfordians 1; Phoenix 1 Grocers 3.
PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cranleigh 1 Peppard 0; Westfield *1 Horley 0. Netherne 4 Eton Wick 2*
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Green Trophy Cup (under 13): Final: Blackburn 1 Preston 0. West Yorkshire Cup (Under 13): Final: Sheffield 5 Huddersfield 0. English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Final, second leg: Islington and Camden 3 South Tyneside 0 (Islington win 4-1 on agg). Cobbin Cup: Final: South Notts 6 Worksop 0. Eccles Trophy: Final: South Leicester 0 Leicester 0 (aet). *Northern Counties Under-16 Cup: Final Lan*cashire 0 Greater Manchester 4.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Tottenham Hotspur 2 Leyton Orient 0. Second division: Bristol City 3 Wimbledon 5
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough 0 Arundel 8; Langney Sports 5 Oakwood 0; Pagham 4 Newhaven 3; Shoreham 3 Stamco 4; Wick 4 Peacehaven and Telscombe 2.
SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Ansells 2 Northfield 1; Bloxwich 7 Sherwood Celtic 3; Coleshill 2 Alvechurch Villa 3. Handrahan Timbers 2 West Midland Fire Service 4; Knowle 0 Kings Heath 4; Meir KA 3 Upton 1. Oliton Royale 2 Studley BKL 1; Shirley 1 Chelmsley 1
BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Stafford 1 Walsall Wood 4; Bilston 0 Westfields 4. Cup: Final (replay): Blakenall 6 Ludlow 1.
KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Final: Ton Pentre 1 Llansantffraid 2.

Mostovoi of Strasbourg, centre, struggles to gain possession in the French Cup final. His team were beaten 1-0 by Paris Saint-Germain. Photograph: Pascal Pavani

EUROPEAN RESULTS

BELGIAN LEAGUE: FC Liege 1 Mechelen 2, Antwerp 0 Sint-Truiden 3; Club Brugge 3 Charleroi 2; Seraing 1 Standard Liege 1, Beveren 1 Molenbeek 1; Anderlecht 3 Ostend 0; Aalst 3 Ghent 1, Lierse 2 Cercle Brugge 1; Lommel 1 Eeklo 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 4 MVV Maastricht 0; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 4 Willem II Tilburg 2; NAC Breda 1 RKC Waalwijk 2, Ajax 4 Volendam 1; PSV Eindhoven 3 Twente Enschede 1; Dor*drecht '90 1 Utrecht 1, NEC Nijmegen 3* Heerenveen 0, Sparta Rotterdam 3 Groningen 1, Vitesse Arnhem 0 Feyenoord Rotterdam 3. Final positions: 1, Ajax played 32, 57 points, 2 Roda JC, 32, 51; 3 PSV, 32, 45, 4, Feyenoord, 32, 43
FRENCH LEAGUE: Metz 2 Lyon 1 Cup final: Paris Saint-Germain 1 Strasbourg 0
GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 3 VFL Bochum 1, 1860 Munich *1 FC Hamburg 1; FC Cologne 0 MSV* Duisburg 3; FC Kaiserslautern 2 Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; VfB Stuttgart 1 Werder Bremen 4, Eintracht Frankfurt 1 SC Freiburg 2; Bayer Uerdingen 3 Dynamo Dresden 1. SC Karlsruhe 2 Bayer Leverkusen 4. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 30, 44 points; 2, Borussia Dortmund, 30, 43, 3, Freiburg, 30, 41.
ITALIAN LEAGUE: Genoa 0 Juventus 4; Parma 1 Bari 0; Brescia 1 Napoli 2, Cagliari 0 Sampdoria 2; Foggia 2 Fiorentina 1; Lazio 4 Inter 1, AC Milan 1 AS Roma 0; Padova 3 Reggiana 0. Torino 1 Cremonese 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Juventus	31	21	4	6	52	28	67
Parma	31	17	9	5	48	26	60
Milan	31	16	9	6	51	29	57
Lazio	31	16	6	9	66	34	54
Roma	31	14	10	7	38	21	52
Inter	31	13	9	9	31	28	48
Sampdoria	31	12	10	9	47	32	46
Cagliari	31	12	10	9	37	34	46
Fiorentina	31	11	11	9	48	47	44
Torino	31	11	9	11	37	41	42
Bari	*31*	*11*	*7*	*13*	35	38	42
Napoli	31	10	12	9	37	45	42
Padova	31	12	3	16	35	52	39
Cremonese	31	9	8	14	28	32	35
Genoa	31	8	9	14	29	48	33
Foggia	31	8	9	14	30	44	33
Reggiana	31	3	5	23	21	51	14
Brescia	31	2	6	23	17	60	12

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Rangers	36	11	5	2	31	14	9	4	5	29	21	69	+25
2 Motherwell	36	8	6	4	29	23	6	6	6	21	27	54	0
3 Hibernian	36	9	7	2	37	19	3	10	5	12	18	53	+12
4 Celtic	36	6	8	4	23	19	5	10	3	16	14	51	+6
5 Falkirk	36	8	3	7	26	24	4	9	5	22	23	48	+1
6 Hearts	36	9	4	5	26	14	3	3	12	18	37	43	-7
7 Kilmarnock	36	8	4	6	22	16	3	6	9	18	32	43	-8
8 Partick	36	4	9	5	23	23	6	4	8	17	27	43	-10
9 Aberdeen	*36*	*7*	*7*	*4*	*24*	*16*	*3*	*4*	*11*	*19*	*30*	*41*	*-3*
10 Dundee Utd	36	6	6	6	24	20	3	3	12	16	36	36	-16

PROMOTION/RELEGATION PLAY-OFF

Sunday May 21: First leg: Aberdeen v Dunfermline Athletic (3.0).

Thursday May 25: Second leg: Dunfermline Athletic v Aberdeen (7.30).

FIRST DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Raith	36	8	8	2	27	18	11	4	3	27	14	69	+22
2 Dunfermline	36	11	5	2	35	11	7	9	2	28	21	68	+31
3 Dundee	36	11	4	3	34	18	9	4	5	31	18	68	+29
4 Airdrie	36	7	6	5	22	14	10	4	4	28	19	61	+17
5 St Johnstone	36	10	6	2	36	15	4	8	6	23	24	56	+20
6 Hamilton	36	9	3	6	23	22	5	4	9	19	26	49	-6
7 St Mirren	36	7	5	6	20	18	1	7	10	14	32	36	-16
8 Clydebank	36	4	6	8	20	25	4	5	9	13	22	35	-14
9 Ayr	36	6	5	7	22	24	0	6	12	9	34	29	-27
10 Stranraer	*36*	*3*	*4*	*11*	*15*	*37*	*1*	*1*	*16*	*10*	*44*	*17*	*-56*

SECOND DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 G Morton	36	12	5	1	33	11	6	5	7	22	22	64	+22
2 Dumbarton	36	12	4	2	43	16	5	5	8	14	19	60	+22
3 Stirling	36	9	3	6	28	20	8	4	6	26	23	58	+11
4 Stenhsmuir	36	7	10	1	24	14	7	4	7	22	25	56	+7
5 Berwick	36	10	6	2	23	13	5	4	9	29	33	55	+6
6 Clyde	36	8	5	5	33	25	6	5	7	20	23	52	+5
7 Queen of S	36	6	3	9	25	26	5	8	5	21	25	44	-5
8 East Fife	36	7	3	8	31	27	4	7	7	17	29	43	[illegible]
9 Meadowbnk	36	7	2	9	16	21	4	3	11	16	33	35	-22
10 Brechin	36	4	5	9	15	21	2	1	15	7	39	24	-38

Meadowbank deducted three points

THIRD DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Forfar	36	14	3	1	42	16	11	2	5	25	17	80	+34
2 Montrose	36	9	4	5	33	17	11	3	4	36	15	67	+37
3 Ross County	36	9	1	8	35	26	9	5	4	24	18	60	+15
4 East Stirling	36	10	2	6	28	20	8	3	7	33	30	59	+11
5 Alloa	36	7	4	7	23	20	8	5	5	27	25	54	+5
6 Caledonian T	36	5	7	6	27	33	7	2	9	21	28	45	-13
7 Arbroath	36	6	3	9	21	23	7	2	9	30	39	44	-11
8 Queen's Pk	36	7	2	9	21	27	5	4	9	25	30	42	-11
9 Cowdenbth	36	4	5	9	23	36	7	2	9	25	24	40	-12
10 Albion	36	3	0	15	16	38	2	3	13	11	43	18	-55

Endsleigh Insurance League

PLAY-OFFS SCHEDULE

Wednesday May 17: Semi-finals, second legs: First division: Bolton Wanderers v Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.30); Reading v Tranmere Rovers (7.45). Second division: Brentford v Huddersfield Town (7.45); Crewe Alexandra v Bristol Rovers (7.30). Third division: Bury v Preston *North End (7.30); Chesterfield v Mansfield Town (7.30).*

Saturday May 27: Third division final (Wembley, 3.0).

Sunday May 28: Second division final (Wembley, 3.0).

Monday May 29: *First division final (Wembley, 1.30).*

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
3	1	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1

FORECAST: Telephone claims are not required: dividend forecast is low. There were 12 score draws and 6 no-score draws.

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LEGAL NOTICES

A F TRANSPORT (CLITHEROE) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Friday 26 May 1995 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr P Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require. DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY 1995 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD MR J FORT, DIRECTOR

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
EXPRESS TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 12 John Street, London WC1N 2EB on 30th May 1995 at 11.00 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham & Fry, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated the 10th May 1995 By order of the Board J.A. Burr, Director

ENTERPRISE COMPUTER HOLDINGS PLC
Registered number: 942836 Nature of business: HOLDING COMPANY Trade classification: 36. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 6 MAY 1995. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): BARCLAYS BANK PLC AND ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC. ANTHONY WILLIAM BRIERLEY & PHILLIP RODNEY SYKES Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no(s) 5641 & 6119) of ARTHUR ANDERSON PO BOX 55 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT.

ENTERPRISE COMPUTER SERVICES PLC
Registered number: 1461235 Nature of business: COMPUTER SALES AND SERVICES Trade classification: 36 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): BARCLAYS BANK PLC AND ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC. ANTHONY WILLIAM BRIERLEY & PHILLIP RODNEY SYKES Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no(s) 5641 & 6119) of ARTHUR ANDERSON PO BOX 55 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT

DATABASE SERVER SYSTEMS LIMITED
Registered number 2908097 Trading name: DBSS LIMITED Nature of business: COMPUTER SALES AND SERVICES Trade classification: 36 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): BARCLAYS BANK PLC. ANTHONY WILLIAM BRIERLEY & PHILLIP RODNEY SYKES, Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no(s) 5641 & 6119) of ARTHUR ANDERSON PO BOX 55 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER CORPORATE SERVICES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2836187
TRADING NAMES: HERTZ CHAUFFEUR AND EXECUTIVE SERVICES
ELITE PASSENGER SERVICES
LASER COURIERS
GROSVENOR CARS
LONDON TOWN DESPATCH
NATURE OF BUSINESS: CHAUFFEUR AND COURIER SERVICES
DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER: 2ND MAY 1995
NAME OF PERSON APPOINTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER: MR JOHN CUBBERLEY MRS JANET CUBBERLEY
Christopher Guy Adams
Administrative Receiver
(Office Holder Number 5693)
C.G. Adams Associates
15, Cavendish Square
London W1M 9DA

Sharpe Optique Limited (IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.100 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K.P.Barry, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LL was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 9th May 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to *prove their claims in writing to* me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated this 9th May 1995 K.P.Barry, FCA Liquidator.

In the MATTER of ZAMBIA AIRWAYS CORPORATION LIMITED
and
In the MATTER of the COMPANIES ACT CAP 686 OF THE LAWS OF ZAMBIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the Zambia Airways Corporation Limited which is being voluntarily wound-up are required on or before the 30th day of June 1995 to send their names and addresses and the full particulars of their debts or claims if any to the Joint Liquidators of the company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators *personally or by their advocates* to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit *of any distribution made before* such debts are proved.
Dated this 10th May 1995
J S Ward) Joint
N C Allen) Liquidators
Price Waterhouse
7th Floor, National Savings & Credit Bank Building
Cairo Road
P O Box 30942
Lusaka
ZAMBIA

SRH plc
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986 in accordance with Rule 4.106, I S V Freakley of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that *on* 6 April 1995 I was appointed Liquidator of SRH plc by resolution of the members and subsequently by resolution of the creditors on 18 April 1995. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the aboved named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 2 June 1995 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, *full particulars of their debts or* claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned S V Freakley of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator *of the said company, and, if so* required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as *shall be specified in such notice*, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution. Dated 9 May 1995 S V Freakley Liquidator

Baxterbridge Limited (IN LIQUIDATION)
RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 TAKE NOTICE THAT I, the undersigned Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Baxterbridge Limited by the Secretary of State on 28th April 1995. Dated this 9th day of May 1995. Michael William Young, Liquidator.

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CLARKE nee KRAFT, LUDWIKA FRANCISZKA CLARKE nee KRAFT WIDOW late of Saltaire, Shipley, West Yorkshire died at Bradford, West Yorkshire on 19 September 1994
(Estate about £20,000)

FERRIS, ROBERT FERRIS late of Hayes, Middlesex died there on 28 December 1994
(Estate about £10,000)

GLYNN nee BROADWATER, HENRIETTA WINIFRED GLYNN otherwise HENRIETTA GLYNN nee BROADWATER WIDOW late *of Walthamstow, London E17* died there on 15 January 1995
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GREEN, JOHN WILLIAM GREEN late of Finchley, London N12 died at Barnet, Hertfordshire on 27 January 1993
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SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Simmonds Plate: Final
Nottingham 1 South Northants 0
Representative match
Hackney 2 Belfast 1
Inter-county match
Kent 5 Oxfordshire 3
North East Counties
Schools Festival
North Yorkshire 1 Durham 1
Northumberland 2 Cumbria 0
Durham 2 Northumberland 1
Cumbria 1 North Yorkshire 2
Durham 2 Cumbria 1
North Yorkshire 0 Northumberland 4
Aberconwy Schools finals
Under-13: Friars Bangor 3 Aberconwy 0
Under-15: Friars Bangor 2
John Bright, Llandudno 1
Under-19: Dyffryn Ogwen, Bethesda 1
John Bright, Llandudno 0
Midlands Predator
Six-a-side championship
Nottinghamshire 0 Leicestershire 0
Staffordshire 1 Warwickshire 0
Worcestershire 1 Northants 1
Staffordshire 1 Leicestershire 0
Nottinghamshire 1 Worcestershire 0
Northants 0 Warwickshire 1
Nottinghamshire 0 Staffordshire 2
Leicestershire 0 Northants 1
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Derbyshire 0 Lincolnshire 1
Humberside 2 West Midlands 1
Shropshire 1 Herefordshire 0
Lincolnshire 1 *Humberside 0*
Derbyshire 0 Shropshire 0
West Midlands 2 Herefordshire 2
Humberside 2 Derbyshire 0
Herefordshire 0 Lincolnshire 0
Shropshire 0 *West Midlands 3*
Humberside 0 Herefordshire 0
Derbyshire 4 West Midlands 1
Shropshire 0 Lincolnshire 4
Herefordshire 0 Derbyshire 1
West Midlands 0 Lincolnshire 1
Shropshire 2 Humberside 2
Semi-finals
Staffordshire 1 Humberside 0
Lincolnshire 1 Warwickshire 0
Final
Ling Moor, Lincolnshire 3
Jerome, Warwickshire 2
Midlands county championship
Final
Lincolnshire 4 Humberside 2 (aet)
Bexley Schools Girls
Seven-a-side championship
Pelham 0 Belvedere 0
Bedonwell 1 Brampton 2
Pelham 0 Bedonwell 0
Brampton 1 Belvedere 0
Pelham 0 Brampton 1
Bedonwell 1 Belvedere 0
Gravel Hill 1 Castilion 0
Slade Green 0 Old Bexley 0
Gravel Hill 0 Slade Green 1
Castilion 0 Old Bexley 0
Gravel Hill 0 Old Bexley 0
Slade Green 1 Castilion 0
Final
Brampton 0 Slade Green 0 (trophy shared)

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance
county championship
11.0, final day of four
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Sussex.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Warwickshire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Somerset.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Durham.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Middlesex.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex. Cheltenham (at Dowty Arle Court): Gloucestershire v Surrey. Finchampstead: *Hampshire v Nottinghamshire. Uxbridge:* Middlesex v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan. Coventry and North Warwickshire: Warwickshire v Durham. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA YOUTH CUP: Final, second leg: Manchester Utd (1) v Tottenham (2).
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey Town v Shillington.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Cinderford v Kintbury.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE CUP: Final: Lymington v Thatcham.
LONDON CUP: Final: Surrey v Inner London (at Egham Town FC, 6.45).
ALDER CUP: Final: Salford v Sefton (at Salford FC, 6.30)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World Bowl Trophy: London Monarchs v Frankfurt Galaxy (7.0)
RACING: Redcar (2.15); Southwell (AW 2.30); Towcester (6.10), Windsor (6.0).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30 unless stated): Exeter v Arena Essex; Reading v Ipswich; Wolverhampton v Poole.
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (55 overs): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire. Swansea: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire (Sky). Southampton: Hampshire v Essex. Eglinton: Ireland v Somerset. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham. Lord's: Middlesex v *Combined Universities. Northampton:* Northamptonshire v Scotland. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire. Hove: Sussex v Kent. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Minor Counties
TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (first day of three). Worcester: Worcestershire v West Indians

OTHER SPORT

RACING: York (C4, 2.0); Chepstow (1.45)
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

** denotes all-ticket*

UEFA CUP: Final, second leg: Juventus (0) v Parma (1) (7.30).
ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE: First division play-offs: Semi-finals, second leg: *Bolton (1) v Wolverhampton Wanderers (2). *Reading (3) v Tranmere (1) (7.45). Second division play-offs: Semi-finals, second leg: *Brentford (1) v Huddersfield (1) (7.45). *Crewe (0) v Bristol Rovers (0). Third division play-offs. Semi-final, second leg: *Bury (1) v Preston (0); *Chesterfield (1) v Mansfield (1)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: York (C4, 2.0); Hereford (1.45), Huntingdon (6.5); Perth (6.20)
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth).

THURSDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four). Chester-le-Street: Durham v Warwickshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Kent. Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire. Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey. Hove: Sussex v Essex. Bradford: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.
UNIVERSITY MATCH (first day of three). The Parks: Oxford University v *Nottinghamshire*

OTHER SPORT

RACING: York (C4, 2.0): Aintree (5.45); Folkestone (6.0). Salisbury (2.10); Perth (1.50).
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth)

FRIDAY

CRICKET

TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (first day of three) Taunton: Somerset v West Indians (Sky).

OTHER SPORT

RACING. Newbury (BBC, 2.5). Newmarket (2.15), Newton Abbot (6.0), Stratford (6.15), Thirsk (2.0)
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CHALLENGE CUP: Final: Everton v Manchester United (at Wembley, BBC1, 3.0).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World Bowl Trophy. *Barcelona Dragons v London Mon*archs (7.0), Amsterdam Admirals v Scottish Claymores (7.0)
RACING: Bangor (11.35); Fakenham (6.10); Hamilton Park (6.20); Lingfield Park (6.00); Newbury (2.0), Southwell (11.50); Thirsk (2.15).
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships (Bournemouth).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE PLAY-OFF: *First leg: Aberdeen v Dunfermline (3.0).*

CRICKET

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (40 overs): Chester-le-Street: Durham v Warwickshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Kent. Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire. Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey. Hove: Sussex v Essex. Headingley: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Newbury (BBC, 2.00); Ripon (2.15).
HOCKEY: AEWHA Cup, Final. Hightown v Trojans (Milton Keynes, 2.30)
RUGBY LEAGUE: Stones Bitter Premiership finals: First division: Leeds v Wigan. Second division: Huddersfield v Keighley (Old Trafford)
TENNIS: Women's British clay court championships (Bournemouth)

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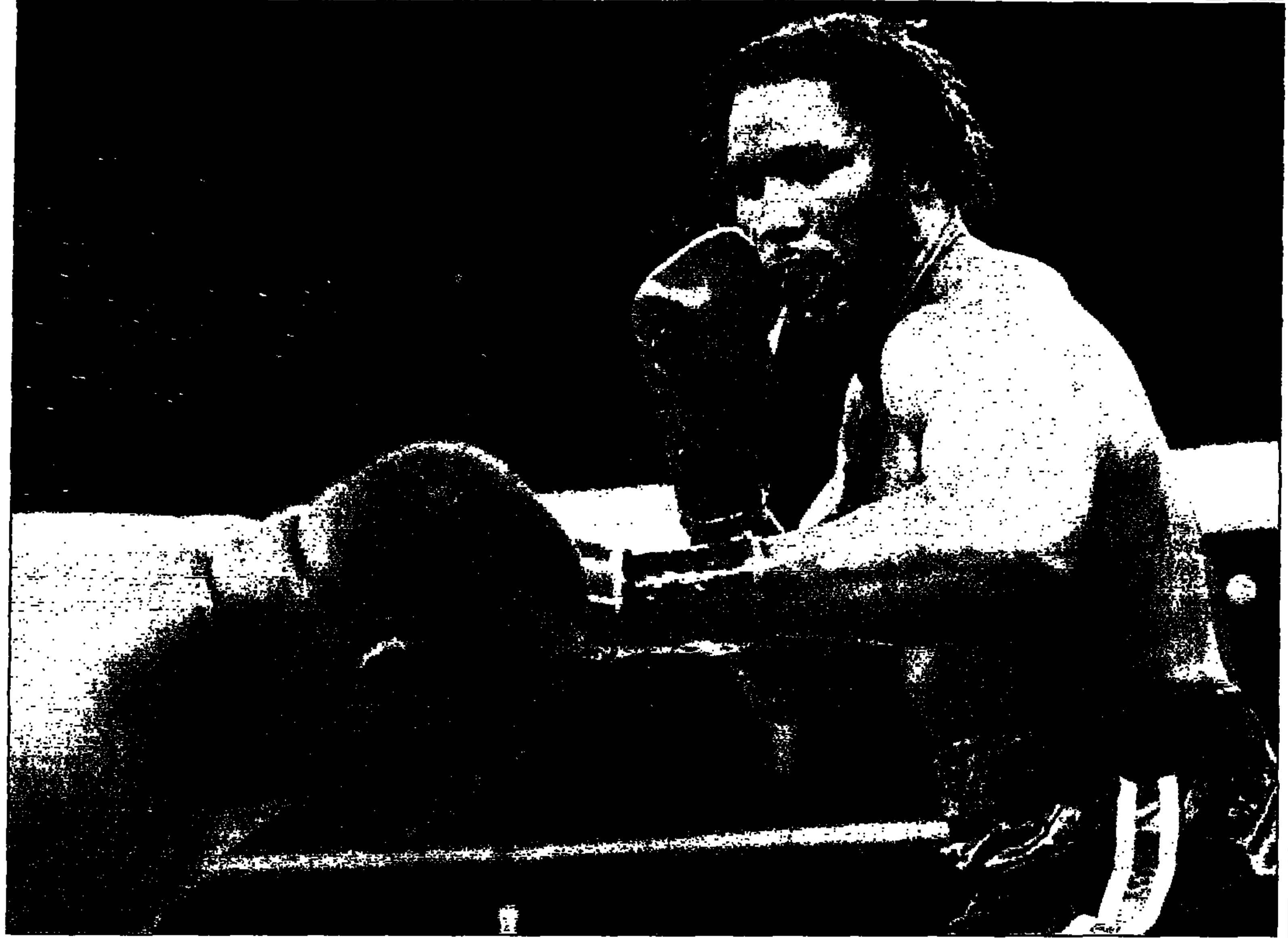
Victory in five rounds reinstates Briton as key challenger for WBC crown

Lewis exorcises the ghosts of defeat

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN SACRAMENTO


RICH PEDRONCELLI

Lewis, the former world heavyweight champion, lands a left jab to the head of Butler during his five-round triumph in Sacramento

LENNOX LEWIS is back on course to regain the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title. He stopped Lionel Butler, the world No 3, in five rounds at the Arco Arena here in California early yesterday and, providing politics do not intervene, he should face the winner of the bout between Oliver McCall and Frank Bruno, who are expected to meet on July 22 at Wembley.

McCall beat Lewis in two rounds last September and Bruno gave the former champion trouble for the first five rounds when they met in 1993, but, judging by the way Lewis dealt with Butler, he should prove a class above McCall and Bruno.

This was not so much a victory over Butler as one over himself and the memory of his traumatic last encounter with McCall. If Lewis keeps working to the instructions of Emanuel Steward, his new trainer, he could well turn out to be the best in the world — capable even of dealing with Mike Tyson.

"McCall is out of his system now," Steward said. "I would not dodge anyone and that's unusual for me, but this guy can beat anything. I have no fear of any fighter in the world with Lennox."

Butler, who, on paper, was considered more dangerous than McCall, was not in the best of condition, as had been suspected, weighing 18st 9lb and sporting a stomach that had to carry on its own battle with the waistband of his trunks. By the fourth round, Lewis had the bout well under control. Boxing comfortably in the fifth, he sent Butler to the floor with a jab and a tap from the right hand. The American struggled to his feet, weary and disorientated, and tried to move around when he was sent against the ropes by another tap.

It seemed as if Butler might make a stand, but he started to slip down. It only remained for Lewis to fire in another two lefts and two rights to send Butler further down the ropes. According to Don King, Butler's promoter, Marty Denkins, the referee, was shouting "it's not a knockdown, it's not a knockdown". Butler, though, was clearly unable to continue and Denkins had to halt the contest.

Butler had been expected to put Lewis under serious pressure for the first three rounds, but was able to sustain it for only two rounds. Lewis held or ran or simply threw Butler off his stride by keeping his long jab in his face. Butler, unable to land a clean punch on Lewis, finally became the victim of his own frustration. As Lewis's jab found the target more and more, Butler, with a rapidly swelling right eye, began to run out of ideas.

While Butler's failure to prepare himself adequately can be blamed to some extent for his miserable performance, it should not detract from Lewis's success. Butler, one of the hardest punchers in the division, was not picked by Lewis as an easy opponent. The bout, a final eliminator, had been ordered by the WBC.

What was heartening about the bout was that, thanks to Steward, Lewis was no longer relying on the big right hand to finish the bout, but working to a strategy outlined by Steward. Lewis used his reach and height to keep out of the way of Butler's swings, and he used his boxing to retaliate to such good account that Butler was made to look little more than a crude brawler. Lewis showed that he was capable of landing solid punches even when pushed back: one uppercut and a right in the second broke Butler's heart.

Lewis stuck patiently to his instructions to keep moving despite boos from the crowd for more action. Steward will clearly plan his strategy with great care for the bout against McCall or Bruno. Steward said that there is still improvement to be made in Lewis's boxing. "You've got a lot to do — so let's go back to work," Steward said.

Now, however, comes the battle to get McCall or Bruno into the ring with Lewis. Tyson, who is ranked the world No 1 challenger, may want to make the challenge first. José Sulaiman, the president of the WBC, said that the bout with Butler was the final eliminator. So far as the WBC was concerned, Lewis had the first shot at the title.

However, he refused to say what would happen if Tyson decided to exercise his right. Clearly, King, who is also Tyson's promoter, is going to see how the former champion looks in the first couple of contests before deciding whether to risk a legal battle with Lewis and his backers.

Untested Bruno stays in line for fourth title bout

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

THE tattoo on Mike Evans's bicep read "Big E" and, indeed, to Frank Bruno, he was just another Big Easy. The 19st 4½lb heavyweight from Chicago was knocked out at the end of the second round of their bout at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday night. These days, the instruction "seconds out" sounds more like a shorthand prediction of the brief length of time Bruno's opponents can expect to hold on to consciousness.

Evans was almost durable in comparison with Jesse Ferguson and Rodolfo Marin, the past two victims, who detained the audience for a combined total of only 207 seconds. Three short contests, however, are long enough to lead Bruno all the way to his fourth shot at a world title. Frank Warren, his manager, will be in the United States this week to iron out the details of a match with Oliver McCall, the World Boxing Council champion.

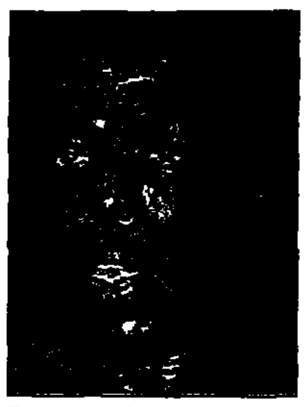
The bout is likely to take place at Wembley on July 22, but, according to Warren, there is also a rival offer to stage it in a football stadium in the North East. Presumably this would be St James' Park, home of Newcastle United. There is a widespread belief that Bruno could beat McCall, who has a decidedly uncomplicated style, but his readiness is hard to gauge.

He was efficient enough on Saturday. At 36 and with a burger-bar build, Evans was never likely to be capable of evasive action. The former wrestler simply tried to lie on the ropes and tie up Bruno. That tactic failed, as a measured assault was maintained. The third and last knock-down suffered by Evans was secured with an accurate left hook.

All the same, the bout seemed to belong to a different sport entirely from the contest between Terry Dunstan and Dennis Andries for the British cruiserweight title on the same bill. That was gruelling and engrossing. The referee gave it to Dunstan by three rounds, but his decision mocked the intensity of the struggle. No chance of Bruno involving himself in that sort of thing.

His viewpoint is entirely understandable. Why take risks when there is nothing to be gained and a crack at the world title to be lost? There have been claims that this contest took place at the behest of Don King, McCall's manager, who found the 65-second defeat of Marin unworthy. Perhaps Evans will be seen as an improvement. The British Boxing Board of Control even reckoned that he had thrown sufficient punches to keep the whole of his £40,000 purse.

The American's single attempt at attack, however, surprised Bruno more than it menaced him. Any real tests for the British boxer can only be taking place in the gym, where he has racked up some 600 rounds of sparring.


Bruno: anticipates McCall

At 17st 10lb, Bruno is heavier than ever but remains a flab-free zone. The diligence is presumably maintained by the knowledge that he has, in the past, hurt Mike Tyson and, for most of their bout, dominated Lennox Lewis. Indeed, he summed up his feelings with a curt: "I don't care what people are saying — I've got my chance."

On a given night, he might step across his known limits and become a world champion. Watching him preparing for that moment is a tedious way to spend an evening in Glasgow, though.

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B Miller, Nottingham

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS

Bernhard Langer's actual yardage on the 12th hole at Augusta in the 1993 Masters was: No 6 iron 168yds, sand wedge 5yds, putter 2yds.

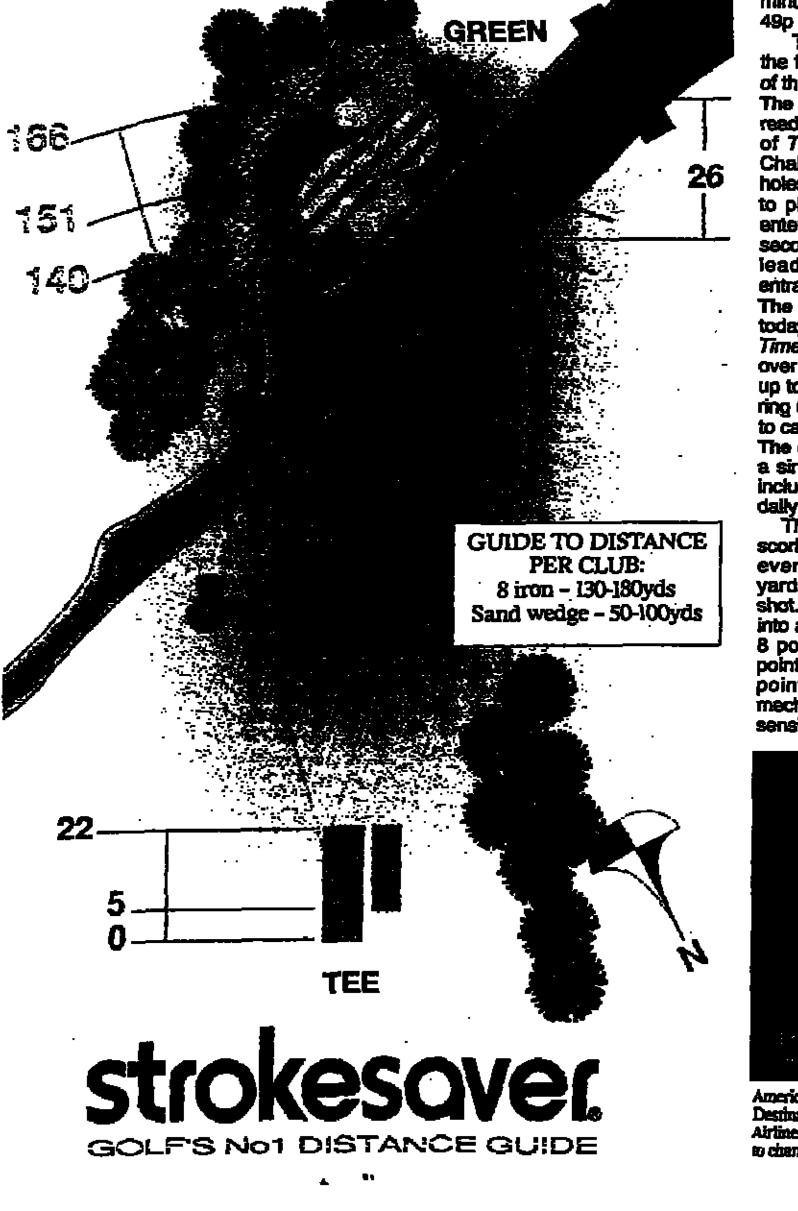
Nick Faldo's actual yardage on the 12th hole at The Belfry in the 1993 Ryder Cup was: No 2 iron 232yds, putter 7yds, putter 1yd.

Last week's holiday to La Costa Resort and Spa, California, was won by A Groom, of Ferndown, Dorset. The Sunday Times prize of Wilson clubs was won by Mark Clayton, of Bradford. The Times prize was won by Chris Platford, of Kemble, Gloucester.

TODAY'S hole in our Golf Masters Challenge features the 12th at Augusta, played by Sandy Lyle in the 1988 Masters. This is a 155yd par three and Lyle completed it in four shots.

Taking a nil wind into account, he teed off with a No 8 iron, used a sand wedge for his second and a putter for his third and fourth shots.

The Spanish Open can be seen live on Sky, May 18-21.



GUIDE TO DISTANCE PER CLUB:
8 iron – 130-180yds
Sand wedge – 50-100yds

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GOLF'S No1 DISTANCE GUIDE

Today we publish the 18th hole in the Golf Masters Challenge accompanied by details of how many shots a leading professional golfer, Sandy Lyle, took to play the hole, the clubs he used and the prevailing weather conditions. The 17th hole appeared in *The Sunday Times* yesterday.

To play today's hole study the Strokesaver map taking into account the yardage guides which give both distances from the tee and yardages to the green. They also show obstacles that might prevent the golfer from hitting the ball in a straight line, such as water and trees.

Using your skill and judgment estimate how far each shot travelled, in yards. Then pick up the 'phone, dial the appropriate Hotline, follow the instructions and key in your answers (you will need a touchtone telephone and calls will last for about four minutes; calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times).

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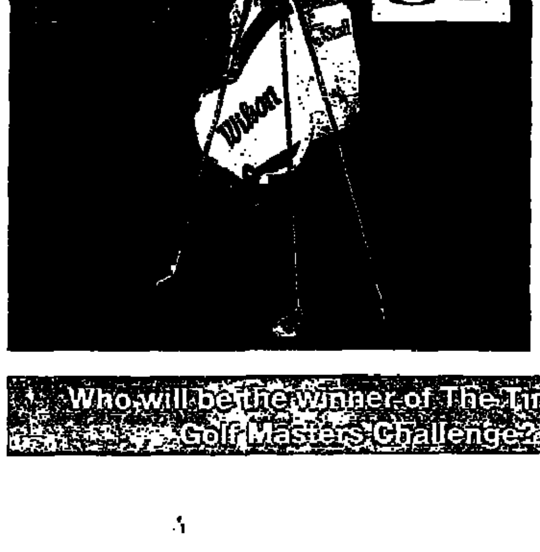

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West Indies humbled as Hampshire cut loose

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON (West Indians won the toss): Hampshire beat the West Indians by 43 runs

HAMPSHIRE'S season had begun so badly that their normally loquacious captain, Mark Nicholas, was lost for words to explain it. It reached its nadir in The Parks on Saturday, when they bowled for six hours and managed just one Oxford University wicket, so it was stretching even the natural perversity of cricket when they outplayed the West Indians before a stunned full house at Southampton yesterday.

There was nothing freakish about this result. Hampshire played much the better cricket. In fact, they played so positively that it was hard to relate them to the team whose only previous win this season was an embarrassing scramble with the scores level in a Benson and Hedges Cup tie against the Combined Universities.

Sean Morris and Giles White, young men of whom much is expected this summer, batted with uninhibited vigour as Hampshire amassed 268 for five from their 55 overs. After four of their top five had failed to reach 20, the touring side declined to 98 for six against Shaun Udal. It was never really a contest until a defiant, camouflaging ninth-wicket stand of 65.

This is, of course, a defeat they will ascribe to acclimatisation, one that will cause them no overt anxiety. But perhaps it should, because it was their only competitive one-day fixture before the Texaco Trophy series and they approached it in a manner that should give England heart.

They bowled too short, offered an unacceptable number of wides and no-balls and fielded as if it was a chore. When they batted, too many important players looked out of touch. Andy Roberts, the team manager, remained superficially undisturbed, but he will know there is much work to be done in and around the three-day games at Worcester and Taunton this week.

Richie Richardson, the captain, is one of those who looks ill at ease with his game. He did win the toss — Nicholas has contrived to lose seven out of eight this year — but inexplicably chose to bowl on a sunny morning and with a good pitch. It was a wasted opportunity, for when their turn did come, his team played as if soured by the cold and the size of the target.

Morris, 26, was playing only through the late withdrawal of Stephenson with two niggling strains. Hitting the ball firmly, favouring the back foot and the off-side, he held things together when Terry and Smith went cheaply and occupied 37 overs before Winston Benjamin skidded one through his defence.

White is a Devonian who had an unfulfilling year at Somerset and a spell in minor counties cricket before coming to Hampshire last year. He needed his luck here, being dropped on nought and nine, but then struck the ball sweetly.

Ambrose, who first spell had been bristlingly quick, lost his length and rhythm. In all, the West Indians had to bowl four extra overs through wides and no-balls and it permitted the late onslaught in which Udal scored 28 from 12 balls. White, meanwhile, reached his unbeaten 68 from only 76 balls and Hampshire doubled their score in the last 15 overs.

Brian Lara's first innings of the tour was brief and painful. He took a nasty blow on the left hand from Cardigan Connor before dragging a ball from Norman Cowans into his stumps. Of the top order, only Carl Hooper, in his new role as an opener, played with certainty and when White completed his fine day with two outstanding catches the game was beyond even the spectacular hitting of Ottis Gibson.

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Glamorgan (7)	2	2	0	0	0	8
Kent (3)	2	2	0	0	0	8
Lancs (4)	2	2	0	0	0	8
Surrey (6)	2	2	0	0	0	8
Worcs (2)	2	2	0	0	0	8
Derbys (8)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Gloucs (18)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Leics (10)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Middlesex (14)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Notts (11)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Somerset (16)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Yorks (5)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Durham (9)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Northants (13)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Sussex (15)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Warwicks (1)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Essex (17)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hampshire (12)	1	0	1	0	0	0

Last year's positions in brackets

JULIAN HERBERT

Winston Benjamin gets into his stride for the West Indians during the one-day match against Hampshire yesterday

Durham bowlers battered by Brown

By Ivo Tennant

ALISTAIR BROWN has a well-merited reputation as one of the lustiest hitters in the game, be that in England or anywhere else. Yesterday, he lived up to his own standards. His magnificent innings of 79, which included three enormous sixes and nine fours, enabled Surrey to gain a seven-wicket victory over Durham at the Oval. In the course of the afternoon he passed 2,000 runs in the AXA Equity & Law League.

After Brown was out, caught — inevitably — in the deep, Stewart and Ward added the necessary 53 runs against a lacklustre attack and victory was achieved with 4.5 overs to spare. Durham's innings was devoid of any incident save in the final over when Boiling, a former Surrey cricketer, was facing Hollioake.

As Hollioake began his run-up, Boiling advanced down the pitch, whereupon the bowler promptly lobbed the ball over him and Stewart claimed the stumping. But the umpire, Vanburn Holder, ruled that this was a no-ball as it went over shoulder height.

Another batsman who is adept at making quick runs in this form of cricket was in powerful form. Moody, who cannot find a place in Australia's side, struck 106 against Essex in his first Sunday match of the season. Yesterday he took 57 from 74 balls against Middlesex, adding 73 in 16 overs with Curtis and 40 in eight overs with Haynes. Surprisingly, he hit just three fours and a six in this innings.

The Worcestershire total of 199 for six proved more than adequate as they maintained a high standard in the field dismissing Middlesex for 122 in 33.3 overs.

At Bristol, another overseas player was in sparkling form. Cairns struck 45 crucial and quick runs to guide Nottinghamshire to a four-wicket victory over Gloucestershire.

Needing only 116 to win in a match reduced by rain to 33 overs a side, Nottinghamshire won with just four balls to spare. Dropped catches helped, but it was the ability of Cairns to pace his innings which decided the match.

He has had his difficulties in following Rice, Hadlee and Stephenson as the overseas player at Trent Bridge, difficulties which have been compounded by injury. But he is adept at the 40-overs game.

At Canterbury, Kent gained a thrilling victory over Leicestershire off the very last ball. Cowdrey's unbeaten 92 brought this about, providing the ideal example of how to pace an innings, something he would have learned, no doubt, from his father.

Hartley shows the way

By Simon Wilde

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 59 runs

DERBYSHIRE completed a week they would prefer to forget yesterday when they failed to muster a total of 150 for the fourth time in seven days and sank to their third defeat. Set 168 to win to beat Yorkshire in the AXA Equity and Law League, they slid from 54 for two to 108 all out and left more than seven of their 40 overs unused.

Although injury and illness played their part — they were without Cullinan, Rollins and Krikken — Derbyshire really had only themselves to blame. It was another feeble performance. There were three needless run outs in their innings, two of them through disagreements between the batsmen, and one of the casualties was Barnett, the captain.

Yorkshire on a high after their thrilling win in the championship match the previous day and Hartley, the hero then, again played his part. He conceded only seven runs in six overs and took the wickets of O'Gorman and Adams, who struck 35 and looked Derbyshire's most likely match-winner before holing out on the boundary.

Barnett said before the season began that he wanted to re-establish the standards of professionalism that had existed several years earlier but, three weeks on, there appears little prospect of his ambition being realised. The middle-order batting — among whom must be included the England internationals Cork and DeFreitas — is failing to produce runs.

Even though the bowlers did good work in restricting Yorkshire to a total of 167 for seven, they, too, were not free from blame. They conceded 21 wides during the Yorkshire innings, Cork being the principal culprit.

Warner, Derbyshire's beneficiary this year, can, however, be exonerated. He removed Bevan, Vaughan and White — who was out second ball — within the space of seven balls, all caught behind. He later added the scalp of Grayson and finished with four wickets for only 14 runs.

Yorkshire fell to 104 for six, but Blakey and Gough added a sprightly 63 for the seventh wicket which ended when Gough was run out off the final ball. Blakey finished unbeaten on 38 — his side's top-scorer for the second successive Sunday.

Sharp Oxford set the scene

By Jack Bailey

FENNER'S (Oxford University won toss): Oxford University beat Cambridge University by 112 runs

AS A prelude to the 150th University match in July, this game of 55 overs a side was a welcome curtain raiser which is to become an annual event. It is also quite a party, festooned with old Blues reliving days past, among them Sir Oliver Topplewell, president of MCC, who presented the Johnson Fry Trophy to Oxford - much though it must have hurt him to do so.

The match was virtually won by Oxford when Ian Sutcliffe and Chimay Gupte put on 204 at nearly five runs and over before being separated. When Gregor Macmillan, the Oxford captain followed through with a spanking 53 from 27 balls, including two sixes and seven fours, the match was clearly beyond the reach of Cambridge.

Fighting an asking rate of six runs and over, they were never in sight of achieving it. John Ratledge stayed for forty overs for 65 while five wickets fell at the other end, chiefly to the self-same Macmillan, who, had there been a man of the match award, would have been a likely candidate. But Oxford were sharper in the field than Cambridge had been and they bowled better.

Neither was a great achievement, for Cambridge's bowling was often wayward and they dropped four catches, most notably Macmillan on six and Sutcliffe on 98. It would have been a pity had Sutcliffe been deprived of his second hundred in two innings. He richly deserved it as he carried on following Saturday's monumental undefeated 163 against Hampshire. Both he and Gupte, his opening partner in a stand of 283 in that match, simply carried on where they left off, only faster.

Macmillan, who usually opens wisely allowed them to continue the good work. He gives the impression of being not only a promising all-round cricketer - if a touch of arrogance at the crease does not get the better of him - but a captain of vision. He had the Oxford team firing on all cylinders in a game which should not and surely could not replace the Varsity match but is well worthwhile.

The players certainly think so, and welcome the prospect of an annual match, played alternately at Fenners, where the pitches have recovered much of their former reliability, and in the Parks.

Girls add to attractions of historic swimming event

By Craig Lord

THE Old Boy with the moustache and the immaculate navy blazer bristled. He was "certainly not" about to state his purpose, let alone divulge his name. His unspoken opinion of the spectacle unfolding before him was more discernible: girls swimming on the occasion of the Bath Cup and Otter Medley — whatever next?

His was a lonely stance, for the return of the full-bodied suit, fashionable among the boys who contested the first Bath Cup in 1910 but a garment for girls by the time that the Otter Medley was introduced in 1951, was cause for celebration among the 57 male and 25 female teams from across Great Britain that, this year, took up what has become an annual May challenge at Crystal Palace, London.

John Nalson, who organises the swimming event for public schools on behalf of the Bath Cup and Otter Medley Schools Swimming Association, was delighted. "The great spirit of the occasion has certainly been enhanced by the girls' presence," he said. "The swimming was splendid."

Indeed, the number of teams, swelled by the additional entry to well above the record of 68, made for a larger and louder audience than that which cheered Adrian Moorhouse home to a world record 100 metres breaststroke at the same venue in 1990.

If there was any dissent, it came from those most keen to silence talk of tokenism: the girls themselves. As Nicole Thornley, of Bolton School, an England Commonwealth Games representative and the comfortable winner of the inaugural girls' relays at freestyle and medley, put it: "Equal should mean equal. If the boys swim 100 metres each, so should we." As it was, the girls swam 4 x 50 metres relays, half the distance swum by the boys.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

The Bolton belles (Thornley, 17, Catherine Jones, 18, Hilary Layer, 17, and Vanessa Holt, 17) credited part of their success to teacher Mrs McCulloch, who, as Margaret Auton, represented Britain in the 1968 Olympic Games.

Thornley's point was fair, Nalson said, but then he "did not want to discourage" potential entrants by setting an impossible task. He believed that the standard of competition would rise with the increase of female entrants to public schools.

Nalson, a member of the Otter Swimming Club that took over the running of the Bath Cup from the Bath Club of London in 1949, has organised the event with admirable efficiency and good humour since 1979 and was a member of the winning Whitgift quartet in 1966. This year, the Bath Cup was particularly pleasing for him because it marked the first victory in 30 years by Robert Gordons College in Aberdeen. Nalson's parents had hosted the captain of Robert Gordons in 1966, his last year at school, when the school was beaten by Whitgift defending the title.

Sheila McNaught, an assistant PE teacher at Robert Gordons, reflected the Corinthian spirit of the event when spelling out what victory meant to her boys. "They are justifiably pleased," she said. "It's about the prestige that goes with returning home as the team that won the Bath Cup after so long." Bishop's Stortford College, defending a title that it has won a record 25 times, finished fourth.

Robert Gordons also came close to winning the Otter Medley, introduced by Otter SC to increase meagre attendances at the Oxford/Cambridge university match, but the determination of the Dulwich College boys, keen to get swimming recognised at a school renowned for success on the rugby field, swept them past their northern rivals in the closing 20 metres of the race. It was Dulwich's first swimming cup at national level.

The boys were jubilant, but what did they think of having the girls here? The smiles said it all.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Glamorgan v Sussex

SWANSEA (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Sussex by nine wickets

SUSSEX

C W J Athey c Metson b Watkin	[illegible]
J A North c Metson b Lefebvre	[illegible]
*A P Wells c and b Croft	17
K Greenfield c Hemp b Barwick	[illegible]
K Newell c Maynard b Croft	[illegible]
F D Stephenson run out	[illegible]
†P Moores b Anthony	45
I D K Salisbury not out	[illegible]
J Lewry b Lefebvre	[illegible]
R J Kirtley c Cottey b Barwick	1
E S H Giddins c Lefebvre b Barwick	[illegible]
Extras (lb 7, w 3)	10
Total (39.2 overs)	132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-9, 3-32, 4-36, 5-40, 6-46, 7-95, 8-117

BOWLING: Croft 8-2-13-2; Lefebvre 8-1-27-1; Watkin 8-2-21-1; Barwick 7.2-1-16-3; Anthony 5-0-30-1; Cottey 3-0-12-0.

GLAMORGAN

S P James not out	44
D L Hemp c Moores b Giddins	6
M P Maynard not out	69
Extras (lb 11, w 3)	14
Total (1 wkt, 23.4 overs)	133

P A Cottey, *H Morris, R D B Croft, H A G Anthony, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-9

BOWLING: Giddins 4-0-21-1; Stephenson 5-1-12-0; Lewry 5-0-32-0; Salisbury 3-0-22-0; Greenfield 3.4-0-15-0; Kirtley 3-0-20-0

Umpires: A A Jones and G Sharp

Northamptonshire v Somerset

NORTHAMPTON (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by two wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

P J Bailey c Turner b Ecclestone	12
A Fordham b Mushtaq	39
K M Curran b Ecclestone	2
*A J Lamb b Trump	34
T C Walton c Harden b Mushtaq	2
†R J Warren lbw b Trump	10
D J Capel not out	48
A L Penberthy lbw b Trump	10
J N Snape not out	15
Extras (lb 8, w 15)	23
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	195

A R Kumble and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-41, 3-84, 4-103, 5-113, 6-133, 7-148

BOWLING: Rose 7-1-36-0; Ecclestone 8-1-21-2; Batty 8-1-42-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-0-36-2; Trump 8-0-42-3; Hayhurst 1-0-6-0

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell st Warren b Kumble	41
M E Trescothick c Lamb b Capel	3
P D Bowler c and b Penberthy	57
R J Harden b Kumble	2
G D Rose c Snape b Bailey	36
*A N Hayhurst c Taylor b Bailey	3
S C Ecclestone run out	3
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	23
J D Batty run out	3
†R J Turner not out	11
Extras (lb 8, w 8)	16
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	198

H R J Trump did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-63, 3-91, 4-118, 5-126, 6-141, 7-156, 8-179

BOWLING: Taylor 8-0-41-0; Capel 7-1-18-1; Curran 5-0-46-0; Kumble 8-0-31-2; Penberthy 6-0-32-1; Bailey 3-0-22-2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B J Meyer

Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire

BRISTOL (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by four wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright lbw b Pick	1
G D Hodgson c Johnson b Wileman	29
M A Lynch c Archer b Pick	5
A Symonds c Archer b Evans	7
R I Dawson lbw b Mike	1
M W Alleyne run out	9
*†R C Russell c and b Wileman	20
J Srinath c Mike b Wileman	11
M C J Ball b Wileman	5
K P Sheeraz lbw b Mike	1
A M Smith not out	1
Extras (lb 12, w 11, nb 2)	25
Total (30.2 overs)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-14, 3-23, 4-36, 5-67, 6-80, 7-101, 8-109, 9-112

BOWLING: Evans 5-0-9-1; Pick 5-1-21-2; Mike 6-1-21-2; Hindson 8-0-31-0; Wileman 6.2-0-21-4

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

*R T Robinson c Alleyne b Srinath	16
M P Dowman c Hodgson b Srinath	2
P Johnson c Dawson b Alleyne	15
C L Cairns c Alleyne b Smith	45
G F Archer lbw b Alleyne	8
J R Wileman run out	10
K P Evans not out	7
G W Mike not out	7
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (6 wkts, 32.2 overs)	117

†B N French, J E Hindson and R A Pick did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-24, 3-48, 4-83, 5-92, 6-108.

BOWLING: Srinath 7.2-1-23-2; Smith 8-1-38-1; Sheeraz 6-0-22-0; Alleyne 8-1-24-2; Ball 3-0-7-0

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston

Kent v Leicestershire

CANTERBURY (Leicestershire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Leicestershire by four wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells c Marsh b McCague	17
*N E Briers not out	108
W J Cronje c de Silva b Headley	13
J J Whitaker lbw b McCague	1
B F Smith c Marsh b Fleming	30
P E Robinson b McCague	28
D L Maddy not out	16
Extras (lb 9, w 9, nb 4)	22
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	235

G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, †P Whitticase and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-79, 3-82, 4-148, 5-202

BOWLING: Wren 5-0-23-0; de Silva 8-0-44-0; McCague 8-0-41-3; Headley 8-0-40-1; Fleming 8-0-56-1; Llong 3-0-22-0

KENT

T R Ward run out	29
*M R Benson c Cronje b Parsons	4
M J Walker run out	14
P A de Silva b Pierson	42
G R Cowdrey not out	92
M V Fleming c Robinson b Pierson	25
N J Llong b Parsons	7
†S A Marsh not out	1
Extras (lb 9, w 16)	25
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	239

T N Wren, M J McCague and D W Headley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-46, 3-70, 4-180, 5-217, 6-232

BOWLING: Mullally 8-0-50-0; Parsons 7-0-24-2; Cronje 8-0-42-0; Pierson 8-0-50-2; Wells 6-0-42-0; Maddy 3-0-22-0

Umpires: K J Lyons and A G T Whitehead

Surrey v Durham

THE OVAL (Durham won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Durham by seven wickets

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry b Pigott	8
W Larkins b Pigott	10
M Prabhakar c Smith b Butcher	28
J E Morris c Butcher b Kenlock	19
J A Daley b Butcher	14
M Saxelby run out	17
S D Birbeck c Stewart b Pigott	23
†D G C Ligertwood c Stewart b M P Bicknell	13
J Boiling not out	21
A Walker not out	14
Extras (lb 9, w 11, nb 2)	22
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	189

M M Betts did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-22, 3-59, 4-79, 5-99, 6-115, 7-151, 8-153

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 8-0-29-1; Pigott 8-1-34-3; Butcher 8-0-35-2; Kenlock 5-0-26-1; Hollioake 8-0-43-0; Smith 3-0-13-0

SURREY

D J Bicknell c Ligertwood b Betts	19
A D Brown c Betts b Boiling	79
*†A J Stewart not out	44
G P Thorpe c Larkins b Boiling	9
D M Ward not out	32
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	7
Total (3 wkts, 35.1 overs)	190

A J Hollioake, A W Smith, M A Butcher, M P Bicknell, A C S Pigott and S G Kenlock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-122, 3-137

BOWLING: Prabhakar 7-1-22-0; Walker 8-0-44-0; Betts 7.1-0-52-1; Birbeck 5-0-31-0; Boiling 8-0-38-2.

Umpires: J H Harris and V A Holder

Worcestershire v Middlesex

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 77 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis run out	25
M J Church st Brown b Emburey	0
T M Moody st Brown b Tufnell	57
G R Haynes b Nash	41
D A Leatherdale c Ramprakash b Nash	32
†S J Rhodes c Weekes b Emburey	1
S R Lampitt not out	6
V S Solanki not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 24, w 8)	37
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	199

P J Newport, R K Illingworth and N V Radford did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-85, 3-125, 4-184, 5-189, 6-195

BOWLING: Fraser 8-1-21-0; Emburey 7-1-21-2; Weekes 8-0-37-0; Nash 8-0-33-2; Feltham 4-0-24-0; Tufnell 5-0-34-1

MIDDLESEX

*M W Gatting b Newport	15
J C Pooley c Leatherdale b Newport	4
M R Ramprakash c Leatherdale b Haynes	23
J D Carr lbw b Radford	7
P N Weekes run out	23
†K R Brown c Rhodes b Lampitt	8
D J Nash run out	9
M A Feltham lbw b Illingworth	2
J E Emburey not out	14
A R C Fraser lbw b Illingworth	3
P C R Tufnell b Lampitt	5
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 4)	9
Total (33.3 overs)	122

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-35, 3-47, 4-58, 5-87, 6-92, 7-96, 8-103, 9-111.

BOWLING: Newport 6-0-20-2; Haynes 8-0-26-1; Radford 8-0-37-1; Lampitt 4.3-0-21-2; Illingworth 7-3-14-2

Umpires: D J Constant and P Willey.

Lancashire v Warwickshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Warwickshire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Warwickshire by five wickets

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c Hegg b Chapple	19
N M K Smith lbw b Yates	40
R G Twose lbw b Yates	20
*D A Reeve c Hegg b Austin	25
T L Penney run out	15
P A Smith c sub b Wasim	30
G Welch b Martin	24
†M Burns b Wasim	1
D R Brown not out	2
R P Davis not out	2
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	190

M A V Bell did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-81, 3-95, 4-132, 5-143, 6-168, 7-176, 8-190

BOWLING: Martin 8-0-38-1; Chapple 8-0-47-1; Austin 8-0-31-1; Wasim Akram 8-0-31-2; Yates 8-0-41-2.

LANCASHIRE

*M A Atherton b Brown	21
J E R Gallian b Davis	31
J P Crawley c N M K Smith b Davis	40
N J Speak b P A Smith	25
G D Lloyd not out	50
Wasim Akram b Bell	11
I D Austin not out	8
Extras (lb 3, w 7, nb 2)	12
Total (5 wkts, 37.3 overs)	196

P J Martin, †W K Hegg, G Chapple and G Yates did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-66, 3-109, 4-147, 5-169

BOWLING: Brown 7-0-32-1; Welch 3-0-19-0; Reeve 2-0-11-0; Davis 8-0-30-2; N M K Smith 4.3-0-34-0; Bell 8-0-43-1; P A Smith 5-0-24-1

Umpires: J W Holder and R A White.

Derbyshire v Yorkshire

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 59 runs

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Wells b Malcolm	19
M P Vaughan c Barstow b Warner	17
M G Bevan c Barstow b Warner	19
C White c Barstow b Warner	0
†R J Blakey not out	38
A P Grayson c Adams b Warner	4
B Parker c DeFreitas b Harris	8
D Gough run out	24
Extras (lb 16, w 21)	37
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	167

P J Hartley, S M Milburn and M A Robinson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-63, 3-63, 4-66, 5-83, 6-104, 7-167.

BOWLING: Malcolm 7-1-21-1; DeFreitas 8-0-38-0; Cork 8-0-37-0; Warner 8-3-14-4; Wells 3-0-14-0; Harris 6-0-27-1

DERBYSHIRE

D G Cork c Parker b Robinson	2
C J Adams c Grayson b Hartley	35
T J G O'Gorman c Blakey b Hartley	6
*K J Barnett run out	5
P A J DeFreitas c Blakey b Gough	16
C M Wells st Blakey b Grayson	8
T W Harrison run out	9
†A D Barstow run out	0
A J Harris c and b Grayson	2
A E Warner b White	9
D E Malcolm not out	0
Extras (lb 2, w 12)	14
Total (32.4 overs)	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-37, 3-54, 4-59, 5-84, 6-88, 7-96, 8-96, 9-102

BOWLING: Robinson 6-0-25-1; Gough 5-1-18-1; Hartley 6-2-7-2; White 5.4-1-20-1; Milburn 5-0-27-0; Grayson 5-1-9-2

Umpires: P B Wight and R Palmer.

Tour match

Hampshire v West Indians

SOUTHAMPTON (West Indians won toss): Hampshire beat West Indians by 43 runs

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c and b Benjamin	5
R S Morris b Benjamin	62
R A Smith c Lara b Bishop	21
G W White not out	68
*M C J Nicholas b Gibson	28
†A N Aymes c Murray b Ambrose	3
S D Udal not out	28
Extras (lb 4, w 9, nb 31)	44
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	268

M J Thursfield, H H Streak, C A Connor and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-95, 3-121, 4-201, 5-226

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-1-59-1; Bishop 11-2-58-1; Benjamin 11-1-33-2; Gibson 11-0-63-1; Hooper 7-0-23-0; Arthurton 4-0-28-0

WEST INDIANS

S C Williams lbw b Cowans	3
C L Hooper c Terry b Udal	35
B C Lara b Cowans	14
J C Adams lbw b Streak	6
*R B Richardson c Aymes b Udal	17
K L T Arthurton c White b Connor	38
†J R Murray c White b Udal	2
W K M Benjamin c White b Streak	27
O Gibson c Nicholas b Streak	[illegible]
I R Bishop c Aymes b Connor	[illegible]
C E L Ambrose not out	[illegible]
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb 2)	16
Total (52.1 overs)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-52, 3-59, 4-65, 5-88, 6-98, 7-139, 8-154, 9-219.

BOWLING: Connor 9.1-1-39-2; Cowans 11-1-47-2; Streak 10-0-51-3; Thursfield 11-1-44-0; Udal 11-2-34-3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews.

University match

Cambridge University v Oxford University

FENNER'S (Oxford University won toss): Oxford University beat Cambridge University by 112 runs

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

C M Gupte run out	80
I J Sutcliffe c Churton b Haste	101
*G I Macmillan run out	53
A C Ridley c Whittall b Janisch	12
R S Yeabsley run out	32
J D Ricketts b Haste	[illegible]
H S Malik not out	8
A D MacRobert not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 12, nb 2)	21
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	329

W S Kendall, †M E D Jarrett and D P Mather did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-204, 2-223, 3-280, 4-297, 5-308, 6-325.

BOWLING: Haste 11-1-51-2; Janisch 9-0-58-1; Whittall 11-1-72-0; Freeth 11-0-48-0; Carroll 6-0-37-0; Ratledge 7-0-56-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

R T Ragnauth run out	19
J Ratledge lbw b Malik	65
R Q Cake st Jarrett b Macmillan	4
J P Carroll c Mather b Macmillan	25
R A Battye b Macmillan	5
*A R Whittall lbw b Yeabsley	[illegible]
L P Clarke run out	1
†D R H Churton run out	34
N J Haste c Ricketts b Malik	14
A N Janisch b Malik	4
J W O Freeth not out	12
Extras (b 6, lb 10, w 7)	23
Total (49.2 overs)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-54, 3-95, 4-106, 5-107, 6-140, 7-153, 8-198, 9-199.

BOWLING: MacRobert 7-0-24-0; Mather 6-0-28-0; Ricketts 11-0-32-0; Macmillan 11-2-28-3; Yeabsley 7-0-47-1; Malik 7.2-0-44-3

Umpires: K E Palmer and D R Shepherd.

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West Indian revels in opening role with innings of 173 to ensure victory at Arundel

Savage Hooper ignores the social graces

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

The West Indian batsmen make hay during their victory over the Duchess of Norfolk's XI against the backdrop of a typically English setting. Photograph: James Morgan

AT MIDDAY on Saturday, as Carl Hooper struck the first of his nine sixes, the most pukka of Arundel's lunch parties — coats by Burberry, provisions by Fortnum and Mason — stirred appreciatively. A copy of the *Financial Times* was put down to enable polite clapping and the clad-for-the-country womenfolk paused over the whole roast chicken and Frascati.

Alongside them on the sunlit grass bank, closer perhaps than they had envisaged when they opened their wicker hamper and set the salt and pepper cellars on their groaning table, their neighbours were more animated. Drinking rum out of plastic cups, two coachloads of West Indian supporters, from Lambeth and Luton, laughed, danced and acclaimed Hooper's stroke with banter that was not quite West Sussex.

Arundel, home to the panama, the military tie and cut-glass accents debating school fees, had been breached for the day; and it was all the better for it. The opening game of this West Indies tour would, in truth, have been mighty dull without the diversions of people-watching and the meeting of cultures and customs.

It is hard to know what teams from the Caribbean make of Arundel, representing, as it must seem to do, all that is elitist about England and the English. It is a lovely place to play cricket, however, and the organisers did their best to make the visitors feel at home, even allowing a steel band outside the pavilion. They also made certain that they began their four-month programme with a win.

Four years ago, the West Indians suffered an embarrassing defeat in this fixture. A repeat on Saturday was never likely, as a cluttered county fixture-list had left John Barclay, convenor of the Duchess of Norfolk's XI, begging and borrowing to raise a quorum.

There were four one-time internationals in his eventual XI, but also only four men still playing regularly. Upwards of 7,000 people turned up despite a chill wind and the potential for walk-over, but if this fixture is to retain credibility as a cricket match, as well as a part of the social calendar, it must surely be played when the tour side can be permitted recognisably competitive opposition.

Those who were prised from retirement included a stockbroker (Paul Downton), a schoolmaster (Paul Parker) and a selector (David Graveney). Two years ago, Ted Dexter, the then chairman of selectors, attended in a social capacity and Ian Botham was ludicrously miffed that his two wickets did not gain him an immediate return to the Test side. Nobody laid any such pretensions at Graveney's door.

The best of the bowling was done by Vasbert Drakes, who had arrived from Barbados 48 hours earlier, still disappointed that he had missed selection in the tour squad. He will instead play second-team cricket for Sussex. Lucky them. Drakes, wiry and athletic, bowled his first six overs for two runs. Later, he demonstrated that he can bat a bit, too, if only as the straight man to Derek Randall's expansive century.

The day, however, was dominated by Hooper. It was not insignificant that he went in first — Andy Roberts, the team manager, believes that his largely wasted talent at Test level will best be focused by opening — and his 173, scored from 140 balls, was the highest score ever made by a touring player in this fixture.

He caused distress among the bowlers, Simon Hughes having his first ball struck out of the ground and resorting to underarm when Hooper savaged him again. He was, though, dropped once before lunch, by Randall of all people, off the slightly stiff but still precise left-arm spin of Graveney.

The home team's pursuit of 299 was never better than an apology. Ian Bishop bowled sharply enough to suggest that his part on this tour will be critical, but, by teatime, the part-time spinners were on and the Burberries had packed up their feast and left. The coach parties stayed on, noisily proclaiming there will be more important victories than this to celebrate.

Glamorgan intent on staying in upwardly mobile form

By Alan Lee

OUTSIDE Wales, Glamorgan's success in 1993 was regarded as a freak. Within the club, it was last summer, however, when they reverted to downtrodden type, that was considered the inexplicable blip on an upward graph. They are beginning to prove their point, starting the new season as if the last one had never happened.

Glamorgan have high ambition, not confined to winning games. They hope to buy Sophia Gardens later this year, giving them the headquarters that they have always lacked in which to create a cricketing environment. By then, they might have a trophy to put in it. It could even be for the Britannic Assurance championship.

Early days these may be, but Glamorgan are playing their cricket with great conviction. They have already seen off Somerset and Northamptonshire in the championship and there is every chance that they will add Sussex to the casualties at Swansea today. It is a low-scoring match and Glamorgan's lead of 131, with eight wickets intact, is a strong position.

Hugh Morris, the captain, is unbeaten overnight and may even have a declaration to judge after lunch. Without Lenham and Speight, Sussex's batting is stretched, especially when Alan Wells fails. On Saturday, his lofty early-season average took a dip when he was out second ball to Hamesh Anthony, Glamorgan's restored overseas player. It was left to Keith Newell, 23, to take Sussex close to parity with 63 on his championship debut.

Kent, who were well beaten by Sussex a week ago, typify the peculiarities of springtime form. On Saturday, they completed an innings win over Leicestershire, the runners-up last season, for whom it was a second successive three-day defeat. Martin McCague has plainly responded to the fitness warnings issued to him and Alan Igglesden by Darryl Foster, the coach, and took six wickets in the match. Raymond Illingworth, however, will require more extensive evidence of a new resilience before turning in McCague's direction again.

Graeme Hick has given all the evidence required of his return to fitness after the back problems that ended his Australian tour, but has now cracked a finger bone. He will not play for Worcestershire against West Indies in the three-day game that starts tomorrow, but says that he is in no doubt for the Texaco Trophy series next week.

Without Hick, Worcestershire are declining towards defeat by Middlesex. They remain 39 runs behind, with effectively only two second-innings wickets remaining, and face further problems with an inspection by the pitches committee of the Test and County Cricket Board after an adverse report by the umpires.

Elsewhere, Durham face a struggle to avoid an innings defeat by Surrey and Northamptonshire are only 83 runs short of beating Somerset.

Unerring Hartley delivers best yet

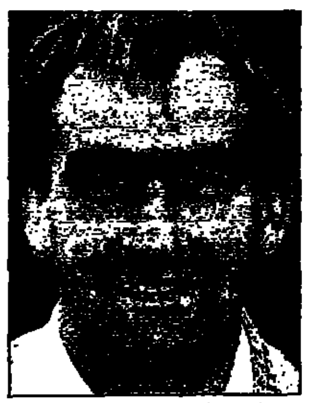
By Simon Wilde

THERE are many parts to being an England fast bowler. One is to reckon that you can dismiss the world's leading batsman; another is to throw salt over your colleague's lunch; a third is to sign a contract for an absurd amount of money with a tabloid newspaper. Occasionally, though, as was required in the championship match that finished at Chesterfield on Saturday, you have to put the ball in the right place.

This last requirement, unlike the others, was largely beyond Devon Malcolm, Phillip DeFreitas and Darren Gough, on whom England's new-ball hopes rest this summer — starting with the one-day internationals, the squad for which is announced on Friday — and they had to be shown how by Peter Hartley. Hartley is 35, has never played for England and probably never will, but, on Saturday, he returned what may remain the best figures of the season.

Hartley took nine wickets for 41 runs, including a hat-trick, four wickets in five balls, five wickets in nine balls, and eight in 56, to sweep Yorkshire to an astonishing seven-run victory over Derbyshire. "He hit the right length," Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, said. "That was the crucial factor."

When Derbyshire were 76 for two, chasing only 142 to win, a low-key end to a low-scoring match was in prospect. Barnett had instructed his players to be positive and they were being. Then Hartley, having switched ends after a first spell of three overs in which he removed Barnett, began his destruction from down the hill. "At my age, it helps to run down the slope," he said.


Hartley: hat-trick

Four of the five wickets that he took in his eighth and ninth overs owed everything to accuracy. O'Gorman, who had put on 47 in ten overs with Cork, gloved a catch to the wicketkeeper; DeFreitas and Harrison were leg-before and Bairstow fended a ball off his ribs to square leg.

Only the wicket of Cork, the hat-trick victim, owed much to luck, the putative Test all-rounder chasing a wide long hop and Byas pulling off a stunning catch — his sixth of the match — high to his right at second slip. "It was the worst ball I bowled," Hartley said.

Derbyshire were suddenly 77 for seven, but their tail then mounted a rally. Warner added 17 with Rollins, who batted with a runner, 26 with Malcolm and 14 with Cullinan, whose broken finger left him effectively one-handed. Hartley ended all three partnerships, the last when Warner, having reached 33 through increasingly sensible play, was bowled off his arm.

Had Warner survived that over, Derbyshire would have fancied their chances of scoring the eight runs that they needed in the next over from Gough, who cannot have bowled as poorly since he became a "personality". His figures were 14-2-72-1 and did him no injustice. He conceded 11 fours and one six — an on drive by Malcolm, of all people — and most of them were bona fide shots. His fourth over could have gone for six fours, but Adams drilled the fourth ball into the hands of Bevan at cover.

Even so, Gough's match figures were more economical than those of Malcolm. DeFreitas bowled better than either, but even he did not make the batsmen play as much as Hartley.

"It must have been enthralling to watch," Barnett said. "English cricket needs more pitches like that. It was not dangerous and it provided a true test of skill." One which not all the participants passed with flying colours.

Lancashire look for better

By Ivo Tennant

AT OLD Trafford, the crowds are steeped in limited-overs cricket as at no other club. Spectators there, unless they are of a certain age, see flickering images not of Hornby and Barlow, nor even of Washbrook and Statham, but of Clive Lloyd and Farokh Engineer. Lancastrians are fully versed in their own golden age of the one-day game.

Who at the great ground on Saturday could recall, without recourse to *Wisden*, when Lancashire last won the county championship outright? For only spectators who are now of retirement age saw the pennant unfurled and flown above the pavilion in 1934. It is time that sight occurred again.

Whisper it quietly, but Lancashire — or rather some Lancastrians — are beginning to feel that they have the makings of a championship-winning side again.

This is not merely because Lancashire defeated Durham in their first match of the season, and should have the better of the county champions today, but because the side now has a shape and balance to it.

Besides, although Wasim Akram has another year of his contract remaining, this is likely to be his swansong with Lancashire. Next summer, he will be touring England with Pakistan and the likelihood is that he will not be returning to Old Trafford after that. One of Mike Watkinson's prime tasks as captain is to coax from Wasim the all-round performances of which he is so obviously capable. In other words, they have a better chance of winning a trophy before the talented Pakistani leaves the club.

Chapple: has potential

The batting, Atherton, Gallian, Crawley and Fairbrother, who made such an excellent century on Friday, should look after itself. In Chapple, Lancashire have potentially their best fast bowler since Brian Statham, if their overseas players are discounted; and in Keedy, a dissatisfied Yorkshireman, they have taken on an England under-19 spin bowler of high promise.

Watkinson will be looking to him to take further wickets today. Warwickshire, who were given a splendid start to their second innings by Andy Moles, the stand-in captain, and Wasim Khan, a left-hander not from Karachi but Small Heath, lead by 46 runs with seven wickets in hand. The pitch is becoming slower and slower and is the most likely impediment to a Lancashire victory, but a decent finish is in prospect.

SATURDAY'S [illegible]

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Yorkshire

CHESTERFIELD (third day of four): Yorkshire (20pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by seven runs

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 177

Second Innings

D Byas b Malcolm	4
M P Vaughan c Adams b DeFreitas	0
M G Bevan lbw b Warner	28
C White c sub b Malcolm	15
†R J Blakey c Bairstow b Malcolm	4
A P Grayson c Barnett b DeFreitas	9
D Gough b Cork	17
P J Hartley c Bairstow b Cork	9
R D Stemp b DeFreitas	7
*M D Moxon not out	6
M A Robinson lbw b DeFreitas	0
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	5
Total	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 3-30, 4-34, 5-49, 6-76, 7-85, 8-90, 9-104.

BOWLING: Malcolm 11-3-41-3; DeFreitas 14.5-2-30-4; Cork 7-1-23-2; Warner 3-0-8-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 140 (M A Robinson 4 for 58)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Byas b Hartley	3
C J Adams c Bevan b Gough	24
T J G O'Gorman c Blakey b Hartley	24
D G Cork c Byas b Hartley	24
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Hartley	0
T W Harrison lbw b Hartley	0
A S Rollins c Grayson b Hartley	3
†A D Bairstow c Vaughan b Hartley	0
A E Warner b Hartley	33
D E Malcolm c Gough b Hartley	18
D J Cullinan not out	1
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total	134

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-29, 3-76, 4-76, 5-76, 6-77, 7-77, 8-94, 9-120.

BOWLING: Gough 14-2-72-1; Hartley 16.4-4-41-9; Robinson 4-0-17-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and P B Wight.

Kent v Leicestershire

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Kent (24pts) beat Leicestershire (5) by an innings and 121 runs

KENT: First Innings 575 (M R Benson 192, N R Taylor 127, P A de Silva 57, M M Patel 56; A R K Pierson 4 for 141)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Benson b McCague	16
*N E Briers b McCague	7
W J Cronje c Ward b McCague	124
J J Whitaker c and b Headley	34
V J Wells c Walker b Patel	12
P E Robinson not out	60
G J Parsons c Marsh b McCague	3
†P Whitticase lbw b Headley	5
A R K Pierson run out	12
D J Millns b Herzberg	13
A D Mullally run out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 10, nb 4)	17
Total (81.5 overs)	303

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-24, 3-102, 4-157, 5-235, 6-243, 7-248, 8-285, 9-303.

BOWLING: McCague 20-3-80-4; Headley 20-5-65-2; Ealham 6-1-21-0; Patel 22.5-3-79-1; Herzberg 13-2-45-1.

Second Innings

T J Boon c McCague b Herzberg	14
*N E Briers c Headley b McCague	0
W J Cronje b McCague	8
J J Whitaker c Walker b Patel	34
V J Wells b Herzberg	40
P E Robinson c McCague b Herzberg	12
G J Parsons st Marsh b Patel	1
†P Whitticase c sub b Herzberg	10
A R K Pierson lbw b Herzberg	8
D J Millns b Patel	3
A D Mullally not out	13
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	8
Total	151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-8, 3-57, 4-61, 5-77, 6-90, 7-118, 8-123, 9-133.

BOWLING: Headley 9-2-28-0; McCague 7-0-22-2; Ealham 5-3-3-0; Patel 19-3-59-3; Herzberg 15.4-4-33-5.

Umpires: K J Lyons and A G T Whitehead.

Glamorgan v Sussex

SWANSEA (third day of four): Glamorgan, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 131 runs ahead of Sussex

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James lbw b Lewry	0
*H Morris c Moores b Giddins	9
D L Hemp c Greenfield b Giddins	3
M P Maynard b Lewry	32
P A Cottey c Salisbury b Kirtley	17
A Dale c Greenfield b Giddins	20
R D B Croft c Moores b Giddins	28
H A G Anthony b Giddins	12
N M Kendrick not out	35
†C P Metson c Hall b Giddins	19
S L Watkin c Salisbury b Stephenson	8
Extras (b 5, lb 16, w 4, nb 4)	29
Total (70.5 overs)	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-10, 3-23, 4-64, 5-79, 6-118, 7-134, 8-144, 9-187.

BOWLING: Lewry 17-6-81-2; Stephenson 12.5-2-42-1; Giddins 28-7-67-6; Kirtley 11-3-28-1; Salisbury 2-0-3-0.

Second Innings

S P James c Athey b Stephenson	6
*H Morris not out	44
D L Hemp c Wells b Salisbury	28
M P Maynard not out	25
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 4)	12
Total (2 wkts)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-74.

BOWLING: Stephenson 5-0-25-1; Kirtley 1-0-4-0; Lewry 8-1-27-0; Giddins 6-0-14-0; Salisbury 8-1-38-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c Metson b Anthony	17
J W Hall c Metson b Watkin	5
K Newell c Watkin b Hemp	63
*A P Wells c Maynard b Anthony	0
K Greenfield c Cottey b Anthony	2
†P Moores c Morris b Anthony	12
F D Stephenson b Kendrick	30
I D K Salisbury c Watkin b Croft	33
J Lewry c James b Croft	9
R J Kirtley not out	2
E S H Giddins c James b Croft	20
Extras (w 1, nb 2)	3
Total (68.3 overs)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-27, 3-27, 4-53, 5-71, 6-112, 7-158, 8-174, 9-175.

BOWLING: Watkin 19-3-45-1; Anthony 19-4-47-4; Kendrick 20-8-56-1; Croft 8.3-0-37-3; Hemp 2-0-10-1.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 5 Sussex 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and G Sharp.

Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire

BRISTOL (third day of four): Gloucestershire have a first-innings lead of 89 over Nottinghamshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 389 for 3 dec (A J Wright 193, G D Hodgson 148)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman lbw b Ball	63
P Johnson b Smith	0
G F Archer c Lynch b Srinath	62
*R T Robinson b Srinath	18
C L Cairns c Ball b Smith	24
K P Evans not out	78
G W Mike c Lynch b Srinath	4
†B N French b Srinath	2
R A Pick c Russell b Ball	34
D B Pennett not out	6
Extras (lb 5, nb 4)	9
Total (8 wkts dec, 110.1 overs)	300

J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-125, 3-137, 4-168, 5-195, 6-219, 7-285.

BOWLING: Srinath 22-8-34-4; Smith 25-7-72-2; Sheeraz 13-2-52-0; Alleyne 12-2-40-0; Ball 38.1-11-97-2.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7 Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston.

Lancashire v Warwickshire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Warwickshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 46 runs ahead of Lancashire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 262 (A J Moles 51; P J Martin 4 for 68)

Second Innings

*A J Moles lbw b Watkinson	66
Wasim Khan lbw b Keedy	78
R G Twose c Speak b Keedy	4
D P Ostler not out	10
R P Davis not out	6
Extras (b 12, lb 5, w 1, nb 12)	30
Total (3 wkts)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-169, 2-168, 3-178.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 13-8-35-0; Chapple 11-1-27-0; Watkinson 24-8-40-1; Martin 12-2-36-0; Keedy 16-4-38-2; Atherton 1-0-1-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton lbw b Brown	4
J E R Gallian lbw b Davis	44
J P Crawley c Davis b Small	5
N H Fairbrother b Brown	129
N J Speak b Davis	15
*M Watkinson c Brown b Davis	91
Wasim Akram c Penney b Small	10
†W K Hegg c Brown b Small	44
P J Martin c and b Davis	40
G Chapple b Davis	0
G Keedy not out	15
Extras (b 5, lb 8)	13
Total	410

Score at 120 overs: 341-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-101, 4-147, 5-283, 6-300, 7-334, 8-357, 9-357.

BOWLING: Small 27-7-76-3; Brown 22-4-83-2; N M K Smith 42-11-112-0; Davis 53.2-13-118-5; Twose 1-1-0-0; P A Smith 8-2-28-0

Bonus points: Lancashire 7 Warwickshire 5.

Umpires: J W Holder and R A White.

Northamptonshire v Somerset

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 83 runs to beat Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings 242 (G D Rose 84, S C Ecclestone 81)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Snape b Kumble	18
M E Trescothick lbw b Capel	151
P D Bowler lbw b Kumble	11
R J Harden lbw b Taylor	1
K A Parsons c Curran b Taylor	1
*A N Hayhurst not out	58
G D Rose c Curran b Capel	0
S C Ecclestone c Warren b Curran	50
†R J Turner b Curran	0
Mushtaq Ahmed c Lamb b Kumble	20
H R J Trump c Bailey b Kumble	0
Extras (b 13, lb 16, nb 4)	33
Total	343

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-117, 3-122, 4-152, 5-229, 6-229, 7-298, 8-298, 9-342.

BOWLING: Taylor 24-7-71-2; Capel 14-2-49-2; Kumble 30-9-87-4; Curran 15-0-61-2; Snape 9-1-46-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 297 (K M Curran 96, J N Snape 54 not out)

Second Innings

†R J Warren b Trump	24
A Fordham c Trescothick b Mushtaq	29
R J Bailey not out	47
T C Walton lbw b Ecclestone	71
*A J Lamb not out	19
Extras (b 10, lb 6)	16
Total (3 wkts)	206

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-55, 3-178.

BOWLING: Rose 12-4-42-0; Hayhurst 4-0-16-0; Trump 14-4-46-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 17-3-65-1; Ecclestone 7-1-21-1.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6 Somerset 5.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B J Meyer.

Surrey v Durham

THE OVAL (third day of four): Durham, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 327 runs behind Surrey

DURHAM: First Innings 269 (M Saxelby 68, J A Daley 55; M P Bicknell 4 for 81)

Second Innings

*M A Roseberry c Kersey b M P Bicknell	7
W Larkins not out	18
J E Morris c Kersey b Benjamin	9
J A Daley not out	19
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (2 wkts)	56

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-22.

BOWLING: Benjamin 7-2-22-1; M P Bicknell 9-2-21-1; Nowell 5-0-10-0; Pigott 2-1-1-0; Hollioake 0.1-0-1-0.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell st Ligertwood b Boiling	47
*A J Stewart b Searle	151
M A Butcher c Daley b Birbeck	167
G P Thorpe c Ligertwood b Birbeck	62
A D Brown lbw b Birbeck	44
A J Hollioake c Roseberry b Boiling	83
†G J Kersey b Searle	55
M P Bicknell not out	15
A C S Pigott c Roseberry b Saxelby	9
R W Nowell run out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 8)	18
Total (9 wkts dec)	652

Score at 120 overs: 471-4.

J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-103, 2-298, 3-417, 4-456, 5-511, 6-620, 7-625, 8-646, 9-652.

BOWLING: Brown 17-0-102-0; Prabhakar 32-8-116-0; Birbeck 22-3-119-3; Boiling 38-7-150-2; Searle 36-3-128-2; Saxelby 5.4-0-29-1.

Bonus points: Surrey 8 Durham 3.

Umpires: J H Harris and V A Holder.

Worcestershire v Middlesex

WORCESTER (third day of four): Worcestershire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 39 runs behind Middlesex

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 193 (G A Hick 59; M A Feltham 4 for 55, A R C Fraser 4 for 40)

Second Innings

W P C Weston c Brown b Tufnell	14
*T S Curtis lbw b Fraser	8
T M Moody not out	82
G R Haynes lbw b Fraser	1
D A Leatherdale lbw b Feltham	7
†S J Rhodes c Brown b Nash	2
S R Lampitt lbw b Feltham	31
P J Newport c Pooley b Feltham	6
R K Illingworth not out	7
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (7 wkts)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-25, 3-33, 4-48, 5-55, 6-142, 7-152.

BOWLING: Fraser 16-2-50-2; Nash 14-1-57-1; Tufnell 3-1-15-1; Feltham 13-5-27-3; Emburey 2-0-11-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

*M W Gatting b Illingworth	70
J C Pooley st Rhodes b Illingworth	121
M R Ramprakash c Weston b Moody	3
J D Carr c Hick b Newport	1
P N Weekes lbw b Newport	2
†K R Brown c Rhodes b Newport	99
D J Nash c Moody b Newport	0
M A Feltham lbw b Newport	8
J E Emburey c Leatherdale b Wylie	31
A R C Fraser not out	8
P C R Tufnell b Lampitt	4
Extras (b 4, lb 28, w 1, nb 13)	46
Total (118.3 overs)	393

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-120, 2-134, 3-149, 4-155, 5-275, 6-276, 7-300, 8-374, 9-393.

BOWLING: Newport 29-4-83-5; Wylie 18-6-65-1; Lampitt 28.3-4-87-1; Haynes 11-2-36-0; Illingworth 19-5-46-2; Moody 5-3-12-1; Leatherdale 8-0-32-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4 Middlesex 8.

Umpires: D J Constant and P Willey.

Tour match

Duchess of Norfolk's XI v West Indians

ARUNDEL (West Indians won toss): The West Indians beat the Duchess of Norfolk's XI by 102 runs

WEST INDIANS

C L Hooper not out	173
S L Campbell b Graveney	38
*R B Richardson c Cowans b James	53
J C Adams lbw b James	13
K L T Arthurton not out	3
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 6)	18
Total (3 wkts, 50 overs)	298

S Chanderpaul, †C O Browne, O D Gibson, I R Bishop, K C G Benjamin and R Dhanraj did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-237, 3-276.

BOWLING: Cowans 10-0-42-0; Drakes 10-4-33-0; Hughes 10-0-71-0; Murphy 3-1-6-0; Graveney 10-0-69-1; James 7-0-69-2.

DUCHESS OF NORFOLK'S XI

M Richardson c Bishop b Gibson	18
*P W G Parker c Richardson b Bishop	7
K D James c and b Dhanraj	5
V Drakes lbw b Arthurton	26
D W Randall c Chanderpaul b Bishop	101
P R Downton b Adams	16
†R J Parks b Arthurton	3
D A Graveney lbw b Chanderpaul	4
S P Hughes not out	2
N G Cowans not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 3, nb 4)	10
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	196

A J Murphy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-33, 3-47, 4-73, 5-125, 6-149, 7-186, 8-189.

BOWLING: Benjamin 6-1-8-0; Bishop 5-0-13-1; Gibson 5-0-16-1; Arthurton 10-1-48-2; Dhanraj 10-0-41-1; Chanderpaul 10-2-39-2; Adams 4-0-28-1.

Umpires: J C Balderson and T E Jesty.

Other matches

Cambridge University v Essex

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Essex

ESSEX: First Innings 260 (N Hussain 68; A R Whittall 5 for 67)

Second Innings

D D J Robinson lbw b Whittall	13
A J Hibbert c Churton b Haste	7
J J B Lewis b Whittall	60
†R J Rollins b Freeth	13
M A Garnham c Battye b Whittall	41
D M Cousins c Cake b Whittall	11
R M Pearson lbw b Whittall	0
N A Derbyshire not out	9
S J W Andrew c Cake b Whittall	3
Extras (b 1, lb 6)	7
Total (8 wkts dec)	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-24, 3-45, 4-140, 5-140, 6-140, 7-153, 8-164.

BOWLING: Haste 10-1-22-1; Janisch 11-1-48-0; Freeth 16-5-41-1; Whittall 17.4-8-46-6.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 175 for 8 dec (R Q Cake 61)

Second Innings

R T Ragnauth c Cousins b Childs	17
J Ratledge c Rollins b Cousins	7
R Q Cake c Lewis b Cousins	0
J P Carroll b Pearson	42
R A Battye c Robinson b Childs	64
*A R Whittall b Pearson	7
L P Clarke c Robinson b Pearson	0
†D R H Churton c Hussain b Childs	3
N J Haste not out	10
A N Janisch not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 4)	12
Total (8 wkts)	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-13, 3-39, 4-119, 5-149, 6-149, 7-152, 8-153.

BOWLING: Cousins 6-2-18-2; Derbyshire 5-0-10-0; Pearson 20-5-77-3; Childs 15.5-6-39-3; Andrew 4-1-13-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and D R Shepherd.

Oxford University v Hampshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 331 for 6 dec (M C J Nicholas 120, A N Aymes 62 not out, G W White 57)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte c Morris b Bovill	119
I J Sutcliffe not out	163
†M E D Jarrett not out	16
Extras (lb 13, nb 6)	19
Total (1 wkt dec, 110.4 overs)	317

*G I Macmillan, A C Ridley, W S Kendall, H S Malik, J M Attfield, A D MacRobert, J D Ricketts and D P Mather did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-283.

BOWLING: Bovill 20-1-73-1; Streak 16.4-1-58-0; Thursfield 21-6-48-0; Udal 29-6-51-0; Flint 18-5-58-0; Whitaker 6-2-15-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Julian.

Vettori heads Godolphin's fine haul

From Julian Muscat at Longchamp

IT WAS quite a weekend for the Sheikh Mohammed-inspired Godolphin Racing, which was established to contest big international races. Within 24 hours, the Dubai satellite plundered group one prizes in Japan, Italy and France. And the Sheikh's own silks completed the rout when his Flemensfirth, trained by John Gosden, landed the group one Prix Lupin here yesterday.

Heart Lake gave notice of the extraordinary sequence when he captured the £600,000 Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo. Then Flemensfirth and Flagbird carried the baton, the latter in the Premio Presidente della Repubblica in Rome. But pride of place must go to Vettori. Ridden by Lanfranco Dettori, the Machiavellian colt captured Godolphin's *third classic inside 12 months* when he defeated Atticus in the Poule D'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas).

It was obvious the Sheikh had been kept abreast of developments by his plethora of advisers. His smile grew progressively wider as the afternoon unfolded. Indeed, so charitable was his mood after Vettori's victory that he donated the £120,000 prize-money to charity.

These three victories will be accredited to Saeed Bin Suroor, who took over the Godolphin string earlier this year. But Suroor, a former policeman, indicated where *the real influence lay when he* deflected future plans for Vettori. "I will ask Sheikh Mohammed. We are a team. Sheikh Mohammed will decide later," Suroor said.

Vettori's leap from maiden to classic company typifies the Sheikh's bold approach. Plucked from Henry Cecil's stable at the end of last season, Vettori wintered in Dubai before journeying to Britain three weeks ago. However, connections were in no doubt about his ability.

"We set him up in a trial with some decent older horses," said Simon Crisford, who manages the Godolphin operation, "and he gave Frankie [Dettori] a lot of encouragement. We knew what we were dealing with but we didn't know if he was up to classic standard."

The answer came when Dettori reeled in the front-running Atticus before resisting his renewed effort by a short neck. General Monash, from Peter Chapple-Hyam's stable, was never sighted and finished sixth. In all probability, *Vettori will carry the Godolphin silks in the Derby* despite doubts about him staying the trip.

Nuriva and Deceive represented Godolphin in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas), but neither could make any impression in a rough race. Matiara held off a determined challenge from Carling by a nose.

Hoh Magic, the British challenger, failed to stay and laboured home in eighth place. "It was down to a combination of a lack of stamina and her hard race at Newmarket," said her trainer, Michael Bell.

In a slowly-run Prix Lupin, Flemensfirth took the measure of Solar One to record Britain's first victory in this event since Rheingold triumphed in 1973. This was an encouraging effort from Flemensfirth, who will almost certainly return to France for the Prix du Jockey-Club.

Flemensfirth's chance had been boosted 24 hours earlier when Munwar just held off Riyadian in the Tripleprint Derby Trial at Lingfield. Munwar, conservatively ridden by Willie Carson, made all *the running and is capable of* better. He may have a pacemaker when he contests the Derby at Epsom.

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MEDIA EXPRESS
(6.55 Windsor)
Next best: Labibeh
(6.25 Windsor)

ED BYRNE

Vettori, nearside, gets the better of Atticus in yesterday's French 2,000 Guineas

Classic euphoria quickly overtaken by controversy

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

It should have been a banner week for British racing from the moment Pennekamp and Celtic Swing fought out that marvellous finish to the Madagans 2,000 Guineas. Instead, the euphoria was overtaken by controversy as *the sport was dragged* through one unsavoury incident after another.

The fact that Peter Savill is contemplating diverting Celtic Swing from the Derby at Epsom demonstrates just how far from its pedestal the great race has slipped. Savill's reasoning is hard to refute. Yet the Derby's lure should be such that no racehorse could realistically afford to miss it.

Then there was the Top Cees affair, a cruel betrayal of the public's confidence in racing. The Jockey Club, racing's disciplinarians, has a thankless task. Many months of good work can be usurped in a single afternoon, when racecourse stewards, just like racehorses, might suffer an off-day.

However, when an error of judgment is subsequently endorsed by the central disciplinary committee, confidence in the sport takes a dive. At the very least, the Chester *stewards* should have inquired into Top Cees's improved showing.

It is too simplistic to argue that those convinced of Top Cees's less-than-strenuous Newmarket run should have made fortunes out of the Chester Cup. There are stables whose horses run erratically. *To support such stables is the quickest way to ensure* a meeting with Bernard Gover, whose debt-collecting company, Madagans, supports the Newmarket Guineas Festival.

Gover, too, vented his spleen last week over the vexed issue of sponsorship. He joined forces with George Ward, of Tripleprint, and Terry Barwick, representing Vodafone, the Derby sponsors, in denouncing racehorse owners seeking *sponsorship for their silks on* a race-to-race basis.

The three company men are angry that logos other than their own may be on view in races they sponsor. This flies in the face of the VAT concessions demanded of government by racing over a three-year period of intense negotiations.

The boundaries of racing sponsorships were fundamentally altered more than 12 months ago, when owners were permitted to recruit sponsorship for their silks. *All race sponsors have had* ample time to consider the implications of rival sponsorship, which, in any case, prevail in virtually every other televised sport. Even *then, both Tripleprint and* Vodafone have been offered the slot on Celtic Swing's silks. Both turned it down.

Pressure from sponsors has resulted in a too-hasty ban, effected by the British Horseracing Board (BHB), on owners recruiting sponsorship within four weeks of a race. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the BHB's decision, the four-week exemption period runs in complete contrast to the pace at which racing itself travels.

Consider the following scenario: Presenting, second favourite for the Derby, will tomorrow attempt to justify his high ranking at York. Defeat would almost certainly rule him out of the Derby. A handsome victory, by contrast, would make his *owner's silks a prime site.*

Given these extreme eventualities, how can a potential sponsor strike a deal when the deadline lapses before the horse can even contest his trial? Asking a sponsor to act in such circumstances is effectively asking him to take a gamble. And as Madagans, Tripleprint and Vodafone will readily confirm, it would be folly to spend the promotional budget on gambling.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.00 Arndilly. 6.25 **POLY ROAD** (nap). 6.55 Media *Express. 7.25 Lowawatha. 7.55 Whicksey Perry.* 8.25 Prophets Honour.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.55 **STATIUS.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.25 Leading Spirit. 6.55 Mutabassim.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 SLOANE STREET CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,309: 1m 67yd) (21 runners)

101 (7) 5-0 DIXIT DOMINUS 19 G Balding 4-9-3 J Williams 83
102 (16) 00-0 CLARION CALL 17J (B,G) G Thorner 4-9-2 T G McLaughlin (5) —
103 (15) -430 THAMES SIDE 21 M Madgwick 4-9-1 M Fenton 75
104 (5) 2614 ARNDILLY 7 (B,CD,G) B Meehan 4-9-0 T Quinn [illegible]
105 (8) 0-00 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 11 G Balding 4-9-0 Dane O'Neill (7) 80
106 (19) 0-00 RAFTER-J 6 (S) J A Harris 4-9-0 Paul Eddery 96
107 (14) 00-5 GENERAL SHIRLEY 10J (V) P Hedger 4-8-13 Stephen Davies 95
108 (2) 00-0 MARJORIE'S ORCHID 60 M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-12 A Clark —
109 (10) 60-0 MISS MAH-JONG 109 (F,S) J White 4-8-12 J Fortune 98
110 (3) -360 KOMODO 27 D Elsworth 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 82
111 (6) 2056 PILLOW TALK 9J (D,F) K Burke 4-8-11 R Hughes 86
112 (20) BROUGHTONS BIRD W Musson 4-8-10 P McCabe (5) —
113 (11) 3066 NAKITA 7 (F,S) C Allen 4-8-9 Karen Markham (7) 89
114 (4) 0- RUTHY'S ROMANCE 345 A Newcombe 4-8-9 D Griffiths (5) —
115 (12) 0- BUSHEHR 216 J Hills 3-8-6 M Hills 72
116 (18) NORTHERN SPRUCE Miss J Doyle 3-8-6 J Reid —
117 (13) -600 BALLESTRO 14 (B) J Ffitch-Heyes 3-8-5 S Whitworth 76
118 (17) 50-6 OWDBETTS 68 (F) G L Moore 3-8-5 B Rouse 92
119 (1) 00-6 PORTLAND WAY 44 A Jarvis 3-8-4 D Harrison 66
120 (9) 0 INDIAN TREASURE 14 D Cosgrove 3-8-1 R Price —
121 (21) -060 SIMPLY SIMON 4 K Burke 3-8-1 S O'Shea (7) —

4-1 Arndilly, 7-1 Nakita, Pillow Talk, 8-1 Owdbetts, 10-1 Komodo, 12-1 Ratter-J, 14-1 others

6.25 *READING UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB* HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,324: 1m 3f 135yd) (20)

201 (16) 006- LABIBEH 244 J Dunlop 9-7 W Newnes 86
202 (7) 0-05 BIRTHDAY BOY 14 R Hannon 9-5 Pat Eddery 98
203 (4) 0-40 VIZARD 14 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 9-3 Paul Eddery 89
204 (18) 0-43 MUTAZZ 11 W Hern 8-13 W Carson 90
205 (13) -520 ELATION 7 (B) P Cole 8-13 T Quinn 93
206 (11) 00-0 SANTELLA BOY 19 G Harwood 8-11 A Clark 91
207 (2) 0-64 LEADING SPIRIT 13 C Wall 8-10 L Dettori 92
208 (14) 600- NEGATIVE EQUITY 259 K Burke 8-10 R Hughes 82
209 (12) -003 HI-AUD 7 (F) J Akehurst 8-9 S Whitworth 97
210 (6) 0-43 MARCHANT MING 30 M Jarvis 8-8 P Robinson 86
211 (20) 06-0 PEDALTOTHEMETAL 19 P Mitchell 8-7 A Whelan (5) 87
212 (5) 00-0 NANTON POINT 19 Lady Herries 8-6 J Reid 86
213 (15) 5142 POLY ROAD 7 (D,G) M Channon 8-6 F Norton [illegible]
214 (19) 000 BELLATEENA 36 H Collingridge 8-6 M Rimmer 97
215 (10) 50-0 MARIPOSA GROVE 16 R Curtis 8-6 S Sanders (3) 84
216 (1) 50-1 FEN TERRIER 87 (D,G) W Haggas 8-6 M Hills 90
217 (17) 5462 ROCKY FORUM 49 G L Moore 8-5 R Perham 93
218 (8) 442 DARLING CLOVER 44 D Morley 8-5 M Fenton 88
219 (3) 5210 SLAPY DAM 7 (D,G) Mrs J Ramsden 8-3 D Harrison 96
220 (9) 0-00 PEWTER LASS 28 M Blanshard 8-1 Stephen Davies 95

6-1 Poly Road, 7-1 Rocky Forum, 8-1 Birthday Boy, Darling Clover, 10-1 Mutazz, Labibeh, Leading Spirit, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 34 runners, 35.3%; M Jarvis, 7 from 25, 28.0%; G Harwood, 8 from 29, 27.6%; C Wall, 3 from 15, 20.0%; R Hannon, 40 from 205, 19.5%; P Makin, 7 from 37, 18.9%

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 44 winners from 176 rides, 25.0%; L Dettori, 18 from 102, 17.6%; Stephen Davies, 5 from 34, 14.7%; M Hills, 11 from 77, 14.3%; J Reid, 13 from 122, 10.7%; Paul Eddery, 11 from 109, 10.1%.

6.55 LADBROKES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,103: 5f 217yd) (27)

301 (5) 224- PRIME MATCH 262 P Harris 9-7 P Robinson 80
302 (22) -244 FORZAIR 28 M McCormack 9-3 Pat Eddery 96
303 (6) 04-6 MUTABASSIM 27 A Stewart 9-0 W Carson 80
304 (14) 5-20 SUE ME 17 (D,S) W Muir 9-0 J Weaver 91
305 (17) -632 JO MAXIMUS 20 S Dow 8-13 T Quinn 89
306 (4) -030 ENDLESS WAVE 14 (S) M Bell 8-12 M Fenton 94
307 (15) 520- SEVENTEENS LUCKY 200 Bob Jones 8-11 M Rimmer 84
308 (26) 03-5 SINGING ROCK 27 (C,F) R Hannon 8-11 L Dettori 85
309 (23) 000 HOT SNAP 19 C Wall 8-11 L Newton (5) 82
310 (13) 210- STAR OF GOLD 312 (D,F) C Egerton 8-11 B Thomson 83
311 (16) 000- GRAND CHAPEAU 213 R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (7) 80
312 (2) -031 MEDIA EXPRESS 21 (D,G) T Mills 8-11 J Reid 92
313 (18) 350- NORDESTA 226 (S) M Channon 8-10 R Hughes 83
314 (10) 25-0 MEDIEVAL MISS 14 G Lewis 8-10 Paul Eddery 87
315 (9) 0-04 LOUGH ERNE 20 C Wall 8-9 N Carlisle 85
316 (20) 5610 TAEL OF SILVER 13 (D,G) K Burke 8-6 S O'Shea (7) 69
317 (25) 030- SALLY WELD 165 (D,F) C Benstead 8-6 B Rouse 90
318 (11) 0-30 BROCKTON FLAME 16 (D,F) J Eustace 8-5 M Hills 91
319 (12) 0332 STATIUS 7 T Barron 8-5 J Fortune [illegible]
320 (21) 60-2 YOUDONTSAY 14 R Curtis 8-3 S Lanigan (7) 90
321 (1) 4-50 RUNS IN THE FAMILY 15 (B,D,S) P Murphy 8-2 D Harrison 90
322 (6) 0-00 NORDMAN LASS 14 Miss J Doyle 7-13 S Sanders (3) 85
323 (7) 60-0 BLUSHING GRENADIER 21 M F-Godley 7-11 F Norton 82
324 (27) 060- CROWDED AVENUE 201 P Makin 7-7 N Adams 83
325 (19) 50-0 LA BOSSETTE 21 (B) J Arnold 7-7 M Baird (5) 95
326 (24) -005 SECRET MISS 13 (BF) A Jarvis 7-7 B Hunter (7) 86
327 (3) 0-03 DEARDAW 13 M Usher 7-7 C Adamson (7) 83

8-1 Media Express, 10-1 Singing Rock, Forzair, 12-1 Nordesta, Youdontsay, Jo Maximus, Statius, 14-1 others.

7.25 BONUSPRINT LIMITED STAKES
(£3,631: 1m 2f 7yd) (9)

401 (8) -010 ULTIMATE WARRIOR 83 (G) C Cyzer 5-9-2 J Reid 90
402 (3) /0 JAIRZINHO 16 (F,G) P Hayward 6-9-0 S Raymont —
403 (6) 03-0 LOWAWATHA 8 (CD,F,G,S) D Morris 7-9-0 S Davies 96
404 (7) 340- MAJBOOR YAFOOZ 86J J Bosley 5-9-0 L Dettori 94
405 (2) 3-60 RUSHAWAY 16 R Hannon 4-9-0 Pat Eddery 85
406 (4) 20-0 SCOTTISH BAMBI 13 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 7-9-0 R Perham 86
407 (1) 23-0 THE LONE DANCER 14 (F) K McAuliffe 4-9-0 J Weaver 95
408 (9) 25-6 TONY'S FEN 16 (D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 6-9-0 T Quinn [illegible]
409 (5) 450- BALL GOWN 208 (D,F,G,S) D Thom 5-8-9 D R McCabe (3) 98

3-1 Rushaway, 7-2 The Lone Dancer, 5-1 Tony's Fen, 6-1 Ball Gown, 8-1 others.

7.55 JIM O'CONNELL COMING HOME CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,657: 5f 10yd) (5)

501 (2) 11 WHICKSEY PERRY 38 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-3 J Carroll [illegible]
502 (1) 01 FOREMAN 10 (D,G) W O'Gorman 8-13 Emma O'Gorman 95
503 (5) 0 DANCING JACK 19 J Bridger 8-11 S Sanders (3) 88
504 (3) CHARTERHOUSE XPRES M McCormack 8-8 J Reid —
505 (4) ICE PICK R Hannon 8-8 Pat Eddery —

7-4 Whicksey Perry, 2-1 Foreman, 11-4 Ice Pick, 10-1 others.

8.25 GREEN PARK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,396: 1m 2f 7yd) (22)

601 (1) 0030 ALKA INTERNATIONAL 20 J White 9-0 S Drowne (5) 73
602 (2) 3-00 BELLAS GATE BOY 16 (B) Miss H Knight 9-0 J Reid 81
603 (5) 0-0 CITY RUN 25 D Cosgrove 9-0 M Rimmer 77
604 (9) 6 GEORGE BULL 16 W Hern 9-0 Paul Eddery 85
605 (17) 00- HADABET 209 Miss J Doyle 9-0 B Doyle 77
606 (10) 00 MY BOY JOSH 26 R Guest 9-0 M Fenton —
607 (21) 4 PROPHETS HONOUR 26 C Cyzer 9-0 J Weaver 93
608 (19) 02 PROUD IMAGE 7 A Jarvis 9-0 B Thomson 98
609 (7) 0 SHEPHERDS REST 16 S Mellor 9-0 M Wigham —
610 (22) 642- SHOOTER 180 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 75
611 (13) 55-0 VAUGHRENIER 27 R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 97
612 (8) 4 VOLUNTEER 13 H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone 89
613 (15) -303 YOUSH 16 M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson [illegible]
614 (18) 5-4 ZIDAC 19 P Makin 9-0 R Perham 94
615 (11) ATAXIA H Cecil 8-9 W Newnes —
616 (14) DEBUTANTE DAYS A Stewart 8-9 M Humphries (5) —
617 (4) 0-0 ELLY FLEETFOOT 17 T Mills 8-9 J Carroll 88
618 (12) 0 HANIFA 8 Miss G Kelleway 8-9 Stephen Davies 86
619 (16) 42 HEBOOB ALSHEMAAL 20 J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori 89
620 (3) 425- MEGHDOOT 148 H Collingridge 8-9 J Quinn 97
621 (20) 00- QUILLON ROSE 244 C Wall 8-9 L Newton (5) —
622 (6) 3- SWIVEL 203 J Fanshawe 8-9 D Harrison 80

7-2 Heboob Alshemaal, 4-1 Volunteer, 8-1 Prophets Honour, 10-1 others.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

6.10 Caiomseach. 6.40 Frozen Drop. 7.10 Mr Taylor. 7.40 Sheephaven. 8.10 I Have Him. 8.40 Speaker Weatherill.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

6.10 SSAFA SELLING HURDLE
(£1,841: 2m) (8 runners)

1 1R40 CAOIMSEACH 180 (G) G Ham 7-11-6 A P McCoy
2 3200 CAPTAIN TANDY 45 (S) J White 5-11-6 N Williamson
3 4506 KEDGE 17 (B,S) W Clay 5-11-6 Diane Clay
4 /54- FANE PARK 92P C Weedon 7-11-2 Peter Hobbs
5 2P62 HOLIDAY ISLAND 9 R Akehurst 6-11-2 S Ryan (7)
6 PP-5 PERSIAN BUD 12 J Bosley 7-11-2 M Bosley
7 LADY CONFESS 436F J Upson 5-10-11 J Supple (3)
8 0640 LUCY TUFTY 195 J Pearce 4-10-6 M Brennan

7-4 Holiday Island, 3-1 Lucy Tufty, 5-1 Caoimseach, Captain Tandy, 8-1 Kedge, 10-1 Fane Park, 12-1 others

6.40 WAYSIDE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,770: 3m 1f) (4)

1 3424 FROZEN DROP 13 (D,F) P Ritchens 8-11-7 A Tory
2 1PP6 RHOMAN FUN 19 (G) G Ham 6-11-7 D Gallagher
3 U321 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 10 (F) R Tate 7-11-2 Mrs F Needham
4 PPP6 I'M IN CLOVER 54 T Thomson Jones 6-11-1 M A Fitzgerald

5-4 Frozen Drop, 6-4 Mischievous Girl, 6-1 Rhoman Fun, I'm In Clover

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Brennan, 26 winners from 100 runners, 26.0%; Mrs I McKie, 14 from 67, 20.9%; T Thomson Jones, 5 from 25, 20.0%; H Collingridge, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J R Upson, 9 from 55, 16.4%; K Bridgwater, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 26 winners from 93 rides, 28.0%; A P McCoy, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 116, 18.1%; N Williamson, 11 from 66, 16.7%; D Bridgwater, 12 from 80, 15.0%; L Harvey, 12 from 101, 11.9%.

7.10 ABEL REWINDS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,460: 2m 5f) (9)

1 5333 MARSH'S LAW 18 (V,C,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-11-10 M Brennan
2 5231 MR TAYLOR 16 (CD,F,G,S) H Collingridge 10-11-1 S McNeill
3 3102 DOMINION TREASURE 24 (CD,F,G,S) R Baker 10-10-6 B Powell
4 1060 SULTAN'S SON 10 (F,G) K Bridgwater 9-10-6 D Bridgwater
5 -232 WILTOSKI 12 (B,C,F,G) R Ledger 7-10-4 Mrs N Ledger
6 F052 MOUNTSHANNON 17 (D,F,G) C Trietline 9-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
7 P220 CATS RUN 16 J Upson 7-10-0 J Supple (3)
8 P043 LYPHARD'S FABLE 12 T George 4-10-0 D Bentley
9 000P COMANECI 9 (G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 W Humphreys

2-1 Marsh's Law, 5-2 Mr Taylor, 9-2 Wiltoski, 8-1 Sultan's Son, 10-1 others

7.40 MARSHALL AMPLIFICATION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,084: 2m 6f) (3)

1 05-2 BIT OF A CLOWN 28 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 12-11-10 L Harvey
2 5113 SHEEPHAVEN 28 (B,F,G,S) T Casey 11-10-9 D Bridgwater
3 P451 MONKSANDER 7 (CD,F,G) P Ritchens 9-10-1 (6ex) D Gallagher

5-4 Bit of A Clown, 6-4 Sheephaven, 11-4 Monksander

8.10 WEETABIX HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,815: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 2P11 BOSTON ROVER 7 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 10-12-0 (7ex) M Brennan
2 411F I HAVE HIM 7 (D,F,G) A Jones 8-11-10 B Powell
3 1P-P I LIKE IT A LOT 145 (F,G) R Dickin 12-11-4 D Meredith
4 -P12 MR GENEALOGY 17 (B,D,F,G,S) F Murphy 5-10-13 D Bridgwater
5 5-45 BALLAD RULER 18 (D,G) P Pritchard 9-10-0 R Davis
6 P035 YOUNG ALFIE 16 (B,CD,S) J Farwell 10-10-0 A P McCoy

5-4 Boston Rover, 7-4 I Have Him, 6-1 Mr Genealogy, 10-1 others.

8.40 *SUDBOROUGH FOUNDATION NATIONAL* HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,903: 2m) (7)

1 0000 BOBBIE MO 17 J White 5-11-0 N Williamson
2 65P5 MILL O'THE RAGS 55 Mrs D Haine 6-11-0 J F Titley
3 003 MISTY WINDOWS 28 M Banks 5-11-0 D Skyrme
4 P RED CHANNEL 80 T Casey 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
5 2P26 SPEAKER WEATHERILL 45 O Brennan 6-11-0 M Brennan
6 004 CLAREMARIE 34 W Clay 6-10-9 Diane Clay
7 P KINGS ROMANCE 97 C Jones 5-10-9 G Upton

6-4 Speaker Weatherill, 9-4 Mill O'The Rags, 5-1 Misty Windows, 7-1 others

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TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	31	21	32	1	-74.14
R Hollinshead	30	33	39	2	-82.27
J Gosden	27	14	11	1	+5.93
M Channon	23	17	18	2	-2.80
C Brittain	23	17	22	5	+19.05
M Johnston	22	36	29	1	-109.89
R Hannon	22	19	19	1	-81.85
J Dunlop	18	16	17	1	-15.19
P Cole	17	11	16	1	+15.62
Mrs N Macauley	17	6	16	2	+46.00
P Haslam	16	12	6	9	-17.62
Mrs J Ramsden	16	17	8	1	-32.83
A Bailey	15	17	8	3	-10.95
M Stoute	14	9	9	2	-6.94
Mrs M Reveley	14	13	19	6	-60.39

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	72	61	50	0	-77.67
J Weaver	63	61	51	2	-75.26
K Darley	40	29	20	3	+55.47
R Cochrane	38	29	31	3	-69.87
T Ives	35	27	27	16	-45.09
J Carroll	28	18	13	1	-11.82
W Carson	25	16	14	1	-29.41
Pat Eddery	22	8	14	3	+2.91
B Doyle	22	17	15	13	+41.18
D Harrison	22	19	24	1	-49.55
T Quinn	21	16	25	8	-3.98
M Fenton	19	13	13	2	-28.80
J Reid	18	14	16	0	-19.82
G Carter	18	21	36	7	-108.91
R Hughes	16	15	13	3	-22.60

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.30 La Menorquina. 3.00 Berge. 3.30 Quinzii Martin. 4.00 Times Of Times. 4.30 Gi La High. 5.00 Mr Bean.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 ITALY HANDICAP
(£2,519: 2m) (15 runners)

1 -000 STALLED 17 (D,G,S) P Walwyn 5-9-10 R Cochrane 1
2 0011 JARAAB 2 (V,D,G) G Lewis 4-9-9 (4ex) S Whitworth 5
3 4/00 LORD HASTIE 11 (C,F,G,S) C Thornton 7-9-6 Dean McKeown 9
4 0-13 PISTOLS AT DAWN 4 (B,F,G,S) B Meehan 5-9-4 B Doyle 12
5 -000 ELECTROLYTE 17J (C,G) B Palling 5-8-13 T Sprake 3
6 005- DESERT FORCE 140J G Fierro 6-8-9 M Wigham 7
7 5120 LA MENORQUINA 13 (CD,G) D Marks 5-8-7 J Fortune 10
8 60-0 JUBILEE LINE 13 D Arbuthnot 5-8-4 R Price 6
9 3040 SASSIVER 28J (C,G) P Kelleway 5-8-2 Dale Gibson 4
10 0540 SNOW DREAM 11 M Ryan 5-8-1 M Baird (5) 11
11 600- RYE HILL QUEEN 25J (B) R Fahey 5-7-13 S Maloney 13
12 -211 ROLLING THE BONES 3 (D,F,S) P Felgate 6-7-13 (4ex) G Hind 15
13 1565 WHO'S THE BEST 20 (CD,F,G) A Jarvis 5-7-12 D Wright (3) 8
14 54/0 PREMIER BLUES 119 (B) R Williams 5-7-10 N Carlisle 14
15 3-45 DESERT PRESIDENT 42 R Hoad 4-7-9 N Adams 2

7-2 Jaraab, 6-1 Rolling The Bones, Pistols At Dawn, 7-1 Stalled, 8-1 Jubilee Line, 10-1 Lord Hastie, 12-1 others.

3.00 SPAIN CLAIMING STAKES (£2,519: 7f) (12)

1 0162 NORTHERN CELADON 19 (D,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-6 Stephen Davies 1
2 -110 BERGE 18 (B,CD,F,G) W O'Gorman 4-9-4 Emma O'Gorman 4
3 000- MELODIC DRIVE 203 (C,G,S) J Glover 5-9-2 S D Williams 6
4 0042 TYRONE FLYER 2 (CD,G,S) G Fierro 6-9-0 C Teague (5) 10
5 -613 MEDLAND 97 (D,F,G) B McMath 5-8-10 R Cochrane 3
6 4000 MONSIEUR PETONG 20 (G) J Parkes 4-8-10 C Adamson (7) 2
7 /21- PYTCHLEY NIGHT 457 (C,D,F,G) D Morris 8-8-10 J Carroll 9
8 3-00 WALI 17 (CD,G,S) V Thompson 5-8-10 J Fortune 12
9 3060 KRISTIS GIRL 2 (V,C,G,S) D Haydn Jones 8-8-9 S Drowne (5) 5
10 4- MEZZORAMIO 170 M Prescott 3-8-4 G Duffield 11
11 3204 WHAT A NIGHTMARE 19 (B,D,G) J Glover 3-8-0 S Sanders (3) 7
12 26 LITTLE WILMA 13 A Jarvis 3-7-7 D Wright (3) 8

5-4 Berge, 7-4 Pytchley Night, 5-1 Northern Celadon, 12-1 Wali, 14-1 Mezzoramio, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 19 winners from 64 runners, 29.7%; M Prescott, 23 from 114, 20.2%; M Ryan, 12 from 62, 19.4%; M Johnston, 30 from 158, 19.0%; W O'Gorman, 39 from 214, 18.2%; D Arbuthnot, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 20 winners from 85 rides, 23.5%; J Fortune, 17 from 108, 15.7%; R Cochrane, 18 from 119, 15.1%; J Tate, 9 from 61, 14.8%; Emma O'Gorman, 30 from 209, 14.4%; G Duffield, 30 from 217, 13.8%.

3.30 FRANCE HANDICAP (£3,445: 1m) (15)

1 -505 WORLD TRAVELLER 4 (B,G) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 Emma O'Gorman 3
2 2006 SELF EXPRESSION 17 Mrs J Ramsden 7-9-3 S Williams 14
3 3160 GREEN'S BID 16 (D,G) D Chapman 5-9-2 A Culhane 7
4 0U03 QUINZII MARTIN 16 (V,C,G) D H-Jones 7-9-0 S Drowne (5) 11
5 33-6 DOUCE MAISON 26 (D,G) A Jarvis 4-8-13 J Tate (3) 5
6 -024 FLASHFEET 14 K Bishop 5-8-11 M Wigham 12
7 6000 ZANZARA 14 (F) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-8 T Williams 10
8 00-6 SUPER HIGH 18 P Howling 3-8-5 R Cochrane 9
9 4025 LA RESIDENCE 32 (C,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-5 S Sanders (3) 2
10 060- CADDY'S FIRST 210 S Mellor 3-8-0 Dale Gibson 6
11 0-63 CORONA GOLD 4 (CD,G) J Fitzgerald 5-7-12 S Maloney 15
12 0406 SPANISH STRIPPER 6 M Chapman 4-7-11 C Munday (7) 1
13 0-00 LADY HIGHFIELD 11 M Ryan 4-7-10 M Baird (5) 4
14 -005 SHOTLEY AGAIN 5 (G,S) N Bycroft 5-7-7 S Lanigan (7) 8
15 2344 KEYS SEMINAR 7 (B) John Berry 3-7-7 D Wright (3) 13

5-1 Corona Gold, 6-1 World Traveller, Quinzii Martin, 7-1 Self Expression, 8-1 Keys Seminar, Flashfeet, 10-1 Spanish Stripper, 12-1 others.

4.00 SWEDEN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,847: 5f) (10)

1 WEETMAN'S WEIGH R Hollinshead 8-7 R Cochrane 9
2 6 PRIDE OF WHALLEY 18 J Berry 8-2 J Carroll 4
3 236 MISS OFFSET 10 M Johnston 8-1 T Williams 2
4 AMY LEIGH J Wilson 7-13 A Mackay 5
5 206 DANCING LOTTIE 10 P Kelleway 7-13 Adelle Gibbons (7) 3
6 TIMES OF TIMES D Cosgrove 7-13 J Quinn 7
7 0 DEREK'S BO 16 N Bycroft 7-12 S Maloney 10
8 52 DONINGTON PARK 14 J A Harris 7-12 Dale Gibson 6
9 HAVANA HEIGHTS R Emery 7-12 D Wright (3) 1
10 0 DOWN THE YARD 7 M Chapman 7-11 C Munday (7) 8

2-1 Pride Of Whalley, 5-1 Times Of Times, Dancing Lottie, 6-1 others

4.30 DENMARK SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (7)

1 ALPHETON PRINCE R Emery 8-11 B Doyle 6
2 BOFFY B Baugh 8-11 A Culhane 1
3 312 GI LA HIGH 19 (D,G) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 4
4 0 OUR TOM'S BOY 11 K Ivory 8-11 G Duffield 2
5 6322 BITES 16 G Lewis 8-6 G Hind 7
6 CHIK'S SECRET B Palling 8-6 T Sprake 5
7 WAITINGFORWALNUTS C Smith 8-6 M Wigham 3

4-5 Gi La High, 2-1 Bites, 10-1 Chik's Secret, 14-1 Boffy, 16-1 others.

5.00 GERMANY HANDICAP (£2,519: 1m 3f) (14)

1 1410 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 51 (CD,G) H Rowsell 8-10-0 B Doyle 11
2 0-53 BRAVE SPY 47 C Cyzer 4-9-12 G Duffield 12
3 6410 PALACEGATE JO 4 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 4-9-12 Dean McKeown 6
4 1312 MR BEAN 13J (CD,G) K Burke 5-9-12 J Tate (3) 14
5 04-0 SUSHI BAR 38 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 D Holland 7
6 100- ARCTIC DIAMOND 180 (B,S) C Egerton 4-9-11 A Procter (5) 3
7 5-00 LOCHORE 14 (G) Mrs V Aconley 5-9-10 M Deering 13
8 06-3 MONEGHETTI 20 R Hollinshead 4-9-3 R Cochrane 4
9 -300 EARLY STAR 11 (C,B) K Bishop 6-9-0 A Mackay 9
10 3540 LEXUS 81 (B,G) R Williams 7-8-9 G Hind 5
11 0006 SCOTTISH PARK 14 (C,F,G,S) R Emery 6-8-8 T Williams 1
12 000- ARMISTON 214 J Wharton 3-8-7 J Quinn 10
13 004- MERCHANT HOUSE 140J G Fierro 7-8-7 C Teague (5) 8
14 50-0 ISM 18 W Hern 3-8-7 T Sprake 2

5-2 Mr Bean, 5-1 Brave Spy, 6-1 Palacegate Jo, 8-1 Moneghetti, Merchant House, 12-1 Camden's Ransom, Scottish Park, 14-1 others.

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2.15 Zifta
2.45 Call To The Bar
3.15 Tovarich
3.45 Pleasure Time
4.15 Paradise Waters
4.45 Good Hand
5.15 United Front

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 HUNTCLIFFE FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,763: 7f) (5 runners)

1 (1) 1520-00 ZIFTA 7 (F) (R Dawson) S Williams 4-10-0 A Mackay 98
2 (3) 0000-00 BALLARD RING 23 (F) (J Pickard) J Wainwright 4-9-2 K Fallon —
3 (5) 16000-4 MISS VAXETTE 10 (F,S) (Mrs J Williams) M Brittain 6-9-2 G Carter [illegible]
4 (4) 0000-61 WILLSHE GAN 9 (C,D,F,S) (H Hewitson) Denys Smith 5-8-3 J Quinn 95
5 (2) 6060-00 CAFE SOLO 14 (S) (J Whittel) N Bycroft 4-7-11 N Kennedy 95

BETTING: 6-4 Willshe Gan, 9-4 Zifta, 11-4 Cafe Solo, 5-1 Miss Vaxette, 33-1 Ballard Ring

1994: HICKLETON LADY 3-8-4 K Darley (17-2) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZIFTA 6½l 7th to Moccasin Run in listed handicap at Haydock (7f, good to firm). MISS VAXETTE 6l 4th to Cool Edge in rated stakes at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). WILLSHE GAN beat Pine Ridge Lad a head in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). Earlier around 2¼l 6th to Kannska in handicap at Thirsk (1m, good) with BALLARD RING (9lb better off) 16¾l 11th. CAFE SOLO 5½l 12th to Castlerea Lad in handicap at Pontefract (6f, firm).
Selection: WILLSHE GAN

2.45 KILTON CLAIMING STAKES (£3,113: 6f) (14 runners)

1 (12) 00/3412- FLASHY'S SON 290 (CD,F,G) (K Lee) G Moore 7-9-11 M Tebbutt 73
2 (7) 4000-00 PETE AFRIQUE 25 (D,F,S) (Bea Health Ltd) M W Easterby 4-9-11 Ruth Coulter (7) 97
3 (3) 55546-0 CALL TO THE BAR 9 (F,G) (Three Plus One Racing) M Dods 6-9-8 W Ryan 84
4 (9) 4206-32 BEST-KEPT SECRET 21 (D,F,G,S) (Manny Bernstein Ltd) J Berry 4-9-7 G Carter 86
5 (6) 3 CYRANO'S LAD 14 (M Foulger) John Berry 6-9-7 C Dwyer 79
6 (13) 00420-1 BROCTUNE GOLD 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Thwaites) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-5 G Parkin (7) 81
7 (2) 43-0343 SENSE OF PRIORITY 77 (D,F,G) (P Savill) M H Easterby 6-9-1 K Darley 86
8 (11) 610/00-6 TOP SHOW 30 (D,F,G) (A White) K Hogg 4-9-1 A Daly (7) —
9 (5) 0360-00 MILBANK CHALLENGER 9 (F,G) (Mrs B Storey) W Storey 5-8-11 J Fanning 68
10 (4) 040-000 SKIPTAMALOO 11 (V) (E Incisa) E Incisa 4-8-6 Kim Tinkler 73
11 (8) 0-00000 BOBBY MELODY 13 (G) (Mrs E Dawson) P Evans 4-8-4 Amanda Sanders (7) 72
12 (10) 0450-02 LADY DAVENPORT 13 (G) (Haggswood Partners) Ronald Thompson 3-8-3 J Weaver [illegible]
13 (14) 56040-4 J C GREY 11 (D Smith) Denys Smith 3-8-2 K Fallon 64
14 (1) 003600 SWEET CHEAP PET 11 (B,D,F,G) (J Clayton) J J O'Neill 3-7-9 L Charnock 82

BETTING: 7-2 Best Kept Secret, 9-2 Call To The Bar, 5-1 Broctune Gold, 6-1 Sense Of Priority, Flashy's Son, 7-1 Pete Afrique, Lady Davenport, 10-1 others.

1994: BOURSIN 5-9-7 Dale Gibson (14-1) P Calver 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLASHY'S SON 1½l 2nd of 5 to Ned's Bonanza in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to firm) July 1994. CALL TO THE BAR 5l 8th of 20 to My Abbey in handicap at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) with MILBANK CHALLENGER (13lb worse off) 4l 16th. BEST KEPT SECRET 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Harry's Coming in claimer at Nottingham (5f, good). Earlier 1l and a short-head 3rd of 6 to Efficacy in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) with TOP SHOW (6lb better off) tailed off last. CYRANO'S LAD 4½l 3rd of 18 to Arndilly in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). BROCTUNE GOLD beat Mbulwa 3½l in 14-runner claimer at Newcastle (7f, good). SENSE OF PRIORITY short-head and 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Breas in selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). LADY DAVENPORT short-head 2nd of 10 to Hi Rock in seller at Nottingham (6f, good to firm).
Selection: BEST KEPT SECRET

3.15 KISS AND CUDDLE PROFESSIONAL LADY JOCKEYS HANDICAP (£3,144: 1m) (10)

1 (2) 1430-00 TANSEEQ 19 (B,D,F) H Thomson Jones 4-10-0 Catherine Cooper (7) 97
2 (5) 6-56001 TOVARICH 16 (D,G) (Mrs D Benjamin) D Nicholls 4-9-9 Alex Greaves 95
3 (7) 530/000 IZZA 7 (D Batey) W Storey 4-9-7 Claire Balding —
4 (8) 00-4004 TOLLS CHOICE 3 (D,F,S) (T Hughes) M W Easterby 6-8-13 Ruth Coulter 98
5 (9) 3000-23 MR CUBE 7 (V,D,F,G) (R Miles) J Bradley 5-8-11 Kimberley Hart 95
6 (4) 6050-04 NOBBY BARNES 4 (D,F,G) (E Incisa) E Incisa 6-8-9 Kim Tinkler 96
7 (1) 45-0506 AVISHAYES 16 (D,F,G) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-9 Candy Morris 95
8 (6) 340523 FIABA 2 (D,G) (A Peake) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-4 Amanda Sanders (7) 97
9 (10) 050-420 MR SLICK 7 (Mrs B Storey) W Storey 3-8-2 Victoria Appleby [illegible]
10 (3) 0-01000 BRIGADORE GOLD 16 (G) (A Hart) F Lee 5-7-7 Jo Hunnam (7) 82

Long handicap: Brigadore Gold 7-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Tovarich, 7-2 Mr Cube, 4-1 Nobby Barnes, 9-2 Fiaba, 7-1 Tolls Choice, 8-1 Avishayes, 10-1 others.

1994: GLOWING JADE 4-9-10 Lorna Vincent (2-1 fav) M Channon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TANSEEQ 23l 17th of 20 to Daytona Beach in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good). TOVARICH beat MR CUBE (2lb better off) ¾l in lady riders' handicap at Ripon (1m, good) with AVISHAYES (7lb better off) 6¾l 6th and TOLLS CHOICE (8lb better off) ¾l 8th. IZZA 13l 9th of 14 to Broctune Gold in claimer at Newcastle (7f, good). TOLLS CHOICE 2¾l 4th of 15 to Chantry Bellini in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). MR CUBE 1l and a short-head 3rd of 13 to Aitch N'Bee in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Warwick (1m, firm). NOBBY BARNES around 3l 4th of 11 to King Curan in handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good to firm). FIABA 8¾l 3rd of 13 to Reported in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd). Earlier 1l 2nd of 13 to Rolling The Bones in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW 1m 1f 79yd) with BRIGADORE GOLD (3lb better off) 42l 12th.
Selection: TOVARICH

3.45 AYTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,882: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (4) 002 LUCKY BEA 9 (Bee Health Ltd) M W Easterby 9-0 L Charnock 88
2 (1) 0 MARKETEER MAGIC 9 (Pipersons) J Berry 9-0 G Carter —
3 (5) 453 PLEASURE TIME 16 (The Temple Bruers) C Smith 9-0 K Darley [illegible]
4 (3) 26 GAGAJULU 17 (R Mason) P Evans 8-9 T Ives 98
5 (2) SOVITAKA (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch —

BETTING: 6-4 Pleasure Time, 11-4 Gagajulu, 7-2 Lucky Bea, 5-1 Sovitaka, 10-1 Marketeer Magic.

1994: TAKNERUN 8-9 J Carroll (5-1) J Berry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

LUCKY BEA 5l 2nd of 8 to Hoh Majestic in Thirsk auction maiden (5f, good to firm) with MARKETEER MAGIC 11l 7th. PLEASURE TIME ¾l and a neck 3rd of 12 to South Salem in Leicester auction maiden (5f, good to firm). GAGAJULU 5½l 6th of 11 to Sky Dome in Carlisle maiden (5f, good). SOVITAKA (Foaled Feb 15. Cost 2,600gns), half-sister to several winners, including Friendly Claim, multiple sprint winner at two and three years, and Wanda, fair 5f/6f winner; dam unraced.
Selection: GAGAJULU

4.15 MACKINLAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,664: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1 (11) 43-3 MANSUR 24 (V) (M Worth) D Loder 9-7 J Weaver 81
2 (4) 210333 DURGAMS FIRST 18 (G) (Mary Reveley Racing Club) Mrs M Reveley 8-10 K Darley 83
3 (1) 5-02336 BEAU MATELOT 30 (A Hurrell) J Bethell 8-9 T Ives 80
4 (6) 132625 HARRY BROWNE 18 (G) (Prestige Racing Club) Mrs J Ramsden 8-7 K Fallon 80
5 (7) 4020-06 EMBEZZLER 16 (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 8-7 W Ryan 84
6 (12) 03040-5 BATTERY BOY 28 (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 8-3 L Charnock 80
7 (10) 00100- CASTLETOWN COUNT 299 (C,F) (Exors of Mr P White) K Hogg 8-3 A Daly (7) 80
8 (13) 001-5 PARADISE WATERS 13 (BF,F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 8-1 A Tucker 90
9 (3) 332400- DRUMOCHTER 207 (Mrs H Bennett) D Morley 8-1 G Carter [illegible]
10 (5) 056-03 TOSHIBA TALK 45 (Toshiba (UK) Ltd) B Ellison 8-0 N Kennedy 80
11 (9) 040-0 CALTHA 17 (D Stapley) P Calver 7-10 N Varley (5) 80
12 (2) 0000-6 MISS TRI COLOUR 35 (Tri-Colour Printing Inks Ltd) F Lee 7-7 Darren Moffatt (3) —
13 (8) 000-40 GULF BAY 28 (V) (B Warren) M Bell 7-7 R Mullen (7) 80

Long handicap: Miss Tri Colour 7-5, Gulf Bay 7-3

BETTING: 5-2 Mansur, 3-1 Harry Browne, 5-1 Paradise Waters, 7-1 Durgams First, Embezzler, 14-1 Beau Matelot, 16-1 Battery Boy, 20-1 others

1994: ISLAND OF SILVER 9-7 *L Dettori* (100-30 jt-fav) *J Gosden* 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MANSUR neck and 1l 3rd of 8 to Bambara in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). DURGAMS FIRST 4l and a head 3rd of 13 to Tonka in Beverley claimer (1m 2f, good to firm). BEAU MATELOT 26l 6th of 9 to Vintage Taittinger in Wolverhampton handicap (AW, 1m 4f). HARRY BROWNE 5l 2nd of 19 to Busy Banana in Nottingham handicap (1m, *good to firm) on penultimate start, with EMBEZZLER* (2lb better off) 14l 9th. BATTERY BOY 13¾l 5th of 7 to Embryonic in Newcastle auction maiden (1m 4f 93yd, good to firm). CASTLETOWN COURT best effort last term beat Lindisfarne Lady ½l in seller here (7f, good to firm). PARADISE WATERS 8½l 5th of 11 to Kimbridge Knight in handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good). TOSHIBA TALK neck and 11l 3rd of 6 to Concer Un in maiden at *Hamilton* (1m 65yd, heavy).
Selection: HARRY BROWNE

4.45 TEES HANDICAP (£3,763: 2m 4yd) (5 runners)

1 (3) 00240-0 GOOD HAND 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 9-9-12 M Birch [illegible]
2 (1) 11620-0 MOSHAAJIR 21 (F,G) *(S Macdonald)* C Smith 5-9-5 J Stack (5) 96
3 (4) 50030-0 LIMOSA 20 (F) (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-2 A Tucker 95
4 (2) 062/053- COMMANCHE CREEK 147J (V) (Up The Creek Partners) J Hellens 5-8-0 N Kennedy 91
5 (5) 463643/ DOMINANT SERENADE 14J M Hammond 6-7-7 Darren Moffatt (3) —

Long handicap: Dominant Serenade 7-2.

BETTING: 6-4 Good Hand, 11-4 Commanche Creek, 7-2 Dominant Serenade, 5-1 Moshaajir, 14-1 Limosa.

1994: AZUREUS 6-9-8 Dale Gibson (50-1) J Harris 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOOD HAND 4l 7th of 10 to Argyle Cavalier in handicap at Ripon (2m, good to firm). MOSHAAJIR 18l 8th of 12 to New Inn in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good). COMMANCHE CREEK head and 3l 3rd of 8 to Nashville Star in claimer at Hamilton (1m 3f, good to soft). DOMINANT SERENADE 3½l 3rd of 20 to Philgun in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, soft) October 1993.
Selection: GOOD HAND

5.15 DANBY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,205: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

1 (9) 0 BEAUCHIEF 18 (T Roberts) R Marvin 9-0 A Proud 64
2 (7) 0 CHARLIE-DON'T SURF 19 (Huff'N'Hick Racing) R Thompson 9-0 G Carter —
3 (3) 00- DEAUVILLE DANCER 192 (Miss V Owen) D Nicholls 9-0 Alex Greaves 66
4 (6) 0050- QUILLING 213 (A Watson) M Dods 9-0 S Webster 83
5 (5) 2 UNITED FRONT 13 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan [illegible]
6 (4) GUNNERDALE (D Curr) Denys Smith 8-9 K Fallon —
7 (1) 4- HAKIKA 203 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 8-9 M Tebbutt 88
8 (2) 06 HIGHFIELD FIZZ 9 (Mrs P Taylor-Garthwaite) C Fairhurst 8-9 T Ives 92
9 (8) 04 MILL THYME 7 (Mrs B Pollard) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 K Darley 81

BETTING: 5-4 United Front, 4-1 Hakika, 5-1 Quilling, 6-1 Mill Thyme, 8-1 Highfield Fizz, 12-1 others.

1994: SACRAMENT 9-0 K Darley (5-4 fav) M Stoute 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEAUVILLE DANCER 23l 17th of 19 to Grandinare in maiden at Doncaster (7f, soft). QUILLING 10l 9th of 22 to Naked Welcome in nursery at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). UNITED FRONT 2½l *2nd of 14* to Endowment in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good). HAKIKI around 8½l 4th of 16 to Craigmill in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). HIGHFIELD FIZZ 7¼l 6th of 8 to Rug in maiden at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). Earlier 16l 11th of 15 to Classicy in maiden at Catterick (7f, good) with *CHARLIE-DON'T SURF* 31l last. MILL THYME 16l 4th of 10 to Diaghilef in maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: UNITED FRONT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	5	11	45.5	K Darley	49	232	21.1
H Thomson Jones	9	35	25.7	W Ryan	12	73	16.4
M Bell	7	31	22.6	M Tebbutt	7	44	15.9
H Cecil	6	32	18.8	G Carter	6	48	12.5
G Lewis	3	19	15.8	J Weaver	10	88	11.4
D Morley	5	32	15.6	J Quinn	4	39	10.3

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Redcar: 2.45 Sweet Cheap Pet. 3.15 Tanseeq. 4.15 Gulf Bay. Southwell: 3.00 What A Nightmare. 5.00 Arctic Diamond. Windsor: 6.00 Ballestro. 6.55 Runs In The Family. 8.25 Bellas Gate Boy

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Duel between people's favourite and his heir apparent brings play-off series to life

Jordan's magic under attack from self-doubt

Andrew Longmore reports on the impact of a basketball legend on a match made in marketing heaven

The statue outside the United Centre in Chicago, the new home of the Chicago Bulls basketball team, says all you need to know about the status of Michael Jordan. The ten-foot tall bronze depicts Jordan in familiar pose, vaunting his athleticism over a prostrate half-figured opponent, above an inscription which reads simply: "Michael Jordan: The best there ever was. The best there ever will be."

Nobody in Chicago doubts that judgment, but Jordan does not like the statue much. He thinks that it says too much about the image and too little about the man. Jordan, above all, knows the value of image, but his forsaking of basketball for minor league baseball nearly two years ago was as much a search for normality, a conscious effort to shed an image, as a test of boyhood fantasy. Jordan actually describes a recurring dream in which he completes his first home run, then keeps on running out of the stadium and down the street, the noise of the crowd still loud in his ears.

Jordan also recalls a real moment, when one of his commercials appeared on the screen in front of his baseball team-mates. "They all just sat there and watched and I wanted to say: 'Hey, I'm right here. You don't have to watch the television to see me'." Yet those who can raise stock market values by nearly $4 billion — the sum by which the six companies advertised by Jordan rose in price during rumours of his return — cannot be easily understood by mortals whose lives are measured in nickels and dimes. The baseball players were only ever interested in Jordan the basketball legend.

Far from inviting ridicule, Jordan's honest attempts at baseball and his subsequent return to basketball have raised his place in the consciousness of America perilously close to deity. A poster sold outside the United Centre shows Jordan leaping into heavenly clouds under the slogan "The Second Coming". The only problem is that Jordan's Chicago Bulls team-mates are falling to their knees in worship and now Jordan himself is becoming confused, changing the number on his jersey from his comeback 45 to his old treasured 23 for the second game of the National Basketball Association (NBA) play-off series against Orlando Magic, in a desperate attempt to recover ground already lost to time and in defiance of the NBA.

It is not that Jordan is playing badly or that any critical comparison can be made with the past. Far from it. Since changing back to 23, the number that he said he would not wear again in respect of his father who was murdered two years ago, Jordan has scored 78 out of his team's total of 205 points in his past two games. Yet, the Bulls, having lost the third game on their own ground, are 2-1 down in the best-of-seven series and displaying all the signs of a team short on harmony.

O'Neal: rap album

Like so many of their opponents, they are being hypnotised by Jordan. "We need to play as a team," the Bulls' Bill Wennington said after their stinging defeat. Meaning you expect Jordan to do everything? "A little, yes. It is tempting to rely on MJ taking care of business, but everyone has to take responsibility."

For the first quarter of that third game, Jordan took care of business all right, scoring 18 points and reducing everyone else to irrelevance. Then a funny thing happened. Jordan woke up, came down from the rafters where his retirement number 23 jersey still hangs and began to play as ordinarily as the rest of his team. It was as if he had realised how inadequate he was making them look. By the time the Bulls had scratched their way to a three-point lead with four minutes remaining, the spell had long gone.

Jordan fouled twice to give Magic a precious lead, missed a shot, threw an intercepted pass and played so badly that Nike, Wheaties, General Motors, the supports of Jordan's $30 million-a-year off-court empire, his private plane and his two houses, must have been glad that Wall Street had closed for the weekend.

Though Jordan outscored Shaquille O'Neal 40 to 28, O'Neal's overall contribution was the more telling; 23 or 45, the scoreboard showed the only significant numbers by the end. Bulls 101, Magic 110.

"Michael is Superman, I am Superboy," O'Neal said modestly. Yet for how much longer? Until they find a telephone box big enough to house O'Neal's 7ft 1in frame?

For all the hype, O'Neal will never be in the same class as Jordan, a matter of physique quite apart from ability. O'Neal, the taller by seven inches, the heavier by an astonishing 90lbs (300 to 210), does not have the suppleness to match Jordan's lowdown twists and turns. To be fair to him, Shaq has never encouraged the comparison, however strongly Reebok, his manufacturers, and the NBA have pushed his role as the natural heir to His Airness, as Jordan is dubbed. "He still does things I can't even dream of," he said. He has Jordan's autograph at home, too.

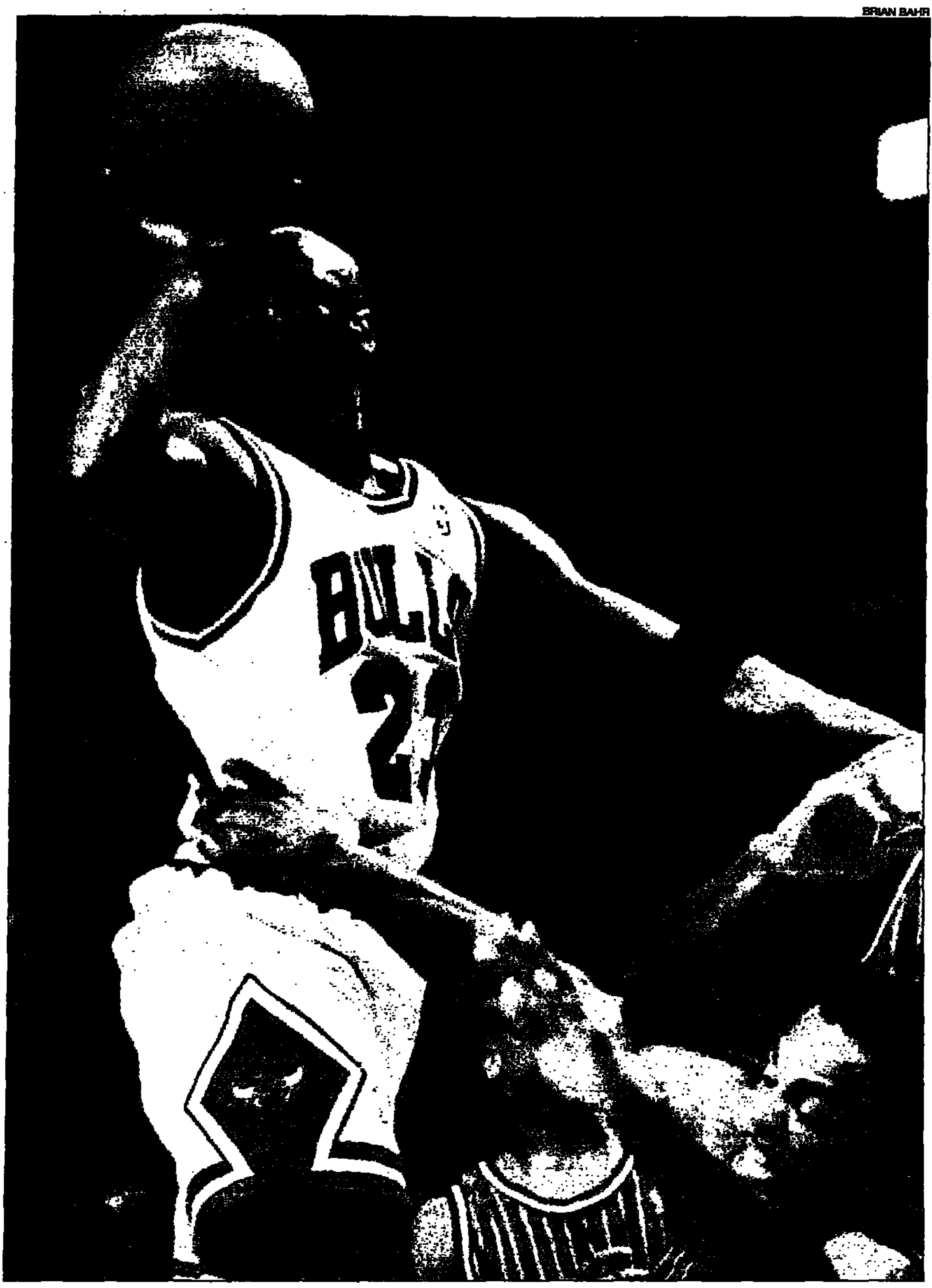
Like it or not, the Bulls-Magic series has become a personal duel, fought on several fronts. Jordan v Shaq, Nike Empire v Planet Reebok, Gatorade v Pepsi, old v new. A contrast of generations and styles as well as talents.

While Jordan's face adorns the Wheaties box, the ultimate symbol of American wholesomeness, and the cover of a book of philosophical thoughts entitled *I Can't Accept Not Trying*, Shaq, not as eloquent but smart enough to keep his image clean, is belting out the words to a rap called *Nobody* from his second album, *Shaq Fu — the Return*. "I ain't nothing but a hooper-slash-rapper."

For the NBA, the match was made in a marketing heaven. In the Jordan interregnum, the NBA suffered from falling television ratings — viewing figures were 31 per cent down for the NBA finals last season — and the brat pack of new young multi-millionaire players whose responsibilities to the game extended no further than their wallets. MJ v Shaq has concentrated minds on positive values once more. The first game in the series attracted 40 million viewers, the highest for a semi-final in NBA history. No wonder that the NBA took an enlightened view of Jordan's rule-breaking change of number.

Everyone is happy, it seems, except Jordan, who has remained untypically silent since being heavily criticised after the first game. As he left after the third game, Jordan took a detour through the interview room, but only to say that he would not be saying anything, a crime far greater than defeat in America. The move bore the MJ stamp: I am still in control.

Moments later, he was ushered past his own statue by his security guards. However, if Jordan leads the Bulls to their fourth title in five years, they will have to recast the statue in gold and add a line to his inscription. He did come back.



BRIAN BAHR

Jordan climbs high above mere mortals in the Orlando defence but cannot secure victory for Chicago

Liley denies Ithuba final chance to make the running

By Barry Trowbridge

ITHUBA, a side representing 69 rugby union clubs in the townships of western Cape Province, won many friends at Twickenham on Saturday, but could not quite win the silverware, too, and it was left to Leicester to collect the Russell-Cargill Memorial Cup — the prize for the victors of the Middlesex Sevens.

Traditionally, the winners qualify automatically for the next year's event. That being the case, it is perhaps just as well that the spoils are not on their way to South Africa.

Having been invited to compete in 1994, Ithuba were prevented from doing so because a domestic ruling, that teams cannot tour overseas during the season without permission being granted a year in advance, was rigidly enforced; the officers of Middlesex County RFU, fortunately, are not so short-sighted.

Loosely translated from Xhosa, Ithuba means chance or opportunity. In this case, grabbed eagerly by all ten members of the squad as it became clear that the bottom half of the draw would favour them. At the top, Blackheath, Wasps and Leicester were outstanding in their opening matches and, from the way Ithuba began, against Haywards Heath, would probably have brought their day to a swift end.

Two late tries by Nigel Witbooi produced a flattering 31-7 scoreline for Ithuba, but against Harlequins, they got everything right. After Willie Louw had touched down with the game just 20 seconds old, they added three more tries before Harlequins replied.

Rosslyn Park, who beat Bath 17-14 in the first round, took a 14-0 lead in their semi-final, but that was brushed aside by Ithuba as Solly Geduld scored twice to complete a 24-14 victory.

At the top, Blackheath took the sting out of a strong Wasp VII, but a try by Matt Griffiths was all they could muster in their semi-final against Leicester as John Liley encouraged his men to play a keep-ball game that brought them three tries. In the final, too, Liley pulled the strings.

Whether it was making tackles, creating or scoring tries or kicking goals, Liley had a hand in everything and, with as good a display of sevens as you could wish for, Leicester romped home 38-19.

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England fail to draw conclusions

England	1
Germany	1

By Alix Ramsay

MAGGIE SOUYAVE, the England coach, was hoping that the encounter with Germany on Saturday would show where England stood in the pecking order as the European women's hockey championships approached. The draw, however, has resolved little.

As defending champions, England have proved that they can still compete, but what they can do in Amstelveen, Holland in a month's time is not so clear.

Playing in front of 4,000 vociferous supporters in Sheffield, motivation was hardly a problem — scoring goals was another story and, as the match progressed, a breakthrough seemed more and more unlikely.

It did not take the Germans long to flex their muscles. Moving like bullets out of defence, they put a stranglehold on the first half. They caught England in possesion, they made the most of some hesitant passing and, had it not been for Thompson, in goal, they may well have wrapped up the match.

It was Germany's goal that gave England the kick-start that they needed. When Ernsting-Krienke bustled past Atkins and Thompson to put her shot away eight minutes into the second half, it could have signalled the end for England. Instead, it rejuvenated the likes of Jane Sixsmith, who began to force her way into the Germany defence.

Within ten minutes, England were level. Nicholls won a penalty corner, Brown caused havoc with a lobbed shot and Miller nipped in to put away the rebound.

Sandie Lister, the England captain, believed that if England could have played throughout the match as they had in the second half, victory would have been theirs. Whether they can repeat that performance over 70 minutes, day in, day out in Amstelveen, only time and Maggie Souyave will tell.

ENGLAND: J Thompson, C Cook, S Lister, J Atkins, M Davies, M Nicholls, J Sixsmith, T Cullen, F Lee, T Miller, K Brown. Substitutes: L Cope, A Bennett.

GERMANY: A Schmidt; V Van Koopren, N Ernsting-Krienke, S Thomaschinski, I Khunt, M Cremer, F Hentschel, T Dickenschied, E Hagenbaumer, B Becker, D Klecker. Substitutes: N Keller, H Latzsch.

Ride, and win a bike

Entries for the annual London to Brighton Bike Ride, organised by the British Heart Foundation (BHF), have closed and, as always, the event was over-subscribed.

The entries were full before Easter, and this year the BHF had to turn down another 10,000 would-be riders. For safety reasons, a strict limit of 27,000 has to be placed on those taking part in the 58-mile ride on June 18 from Clapham Common to the Sussex seaside.

However, *The Times*, which has lent its support to the event this year, is able to offer 25 late places to join this magnificent fun day out which last year raised more than £1 million to fund many different strands of heart research. These places come with a difference: of the 25 riders chosen to fill them, the two who raise the most sponsorship money will win a new mountain bike.

This year's is the twentieth London to Brighton, and it has become as much a part of the sporting calendar as the London Marathon. Although it is very strictly not a race, there are trophies and other prizes to be won by individuals and teams raising the most sponsorship money. Many of those participating have themselves benefitted from advanced heart surgery and are living proof of how research can help victims return to a normal, fit and healthy life.

Nearly 200 enthusiastic cyclists signed up when Sport For All printed an entry form in March, but, aware of how many disappointed riders there are every year, the British Heart Foundation held back 25 places for our competition, which gives *Times* readers a second chance to enter Europe's biggest cycle ride.

Our prize bikes have been donated by Appletise, for the past five years the official supplier of drinks to the riders. State-of-the-art models designed for the most testing off-road conditions, the Mountain Trek 820 and Mountain Trek 850 are fully Shimano equipped, 21-geared with M-system braking for either wet or dry weather conditions. The frames and forks have a lifetime warranty. The Mountain Trek 820 in ice blue is valued at £299.99 and the ice-green, lightweight Mountain Trek 850 at £399.99.

Answer the three questions below and send your replies, together with your name and address on a postcard to: *The Times*, London to Brighton Late Places competition, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London, W1H 4DH.

1. How many miles is the London to Brighton Bike Ride?
2. What vital research is helped by the funds raised through the London to Brighton?
3. How many years has Appletise supported the ride?

Entries must be received by 12 noon this Friday. Winners will be the first 25 correct entries drawn. Entrants must be over 18 and must agree to raise funds for the BHF.

The Mountain Trek 820, one of the prizes available to 25 *Times* riders for charity

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West Love all Rubber bridge

♠J10964
♥9
♦AQ8
♣KQ76

♠K
♥AKQ105
♦9764
♣A92

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♠83
♥8642
♦KJ103
♣1085

♠AQ752
♥J73
♦52
♣J43

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1♥	Double	Pass (1)	2♠ (2)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Contract: Four Spades by South Opening lead: Ace of hearts

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

(1) Worth a raise to Two Hearts. (2) Do you respond One Spade or Two Spades on the South hand in response to North's takeout double? The point is that you have been forced to bid in this position and would have to do so even on a Yarborough.

A useful way of assessing your hand in this situation is to assume that partner has opened at the One level in your best suit. If you have a good raise of his opening bid, you should be considering making a jump in response to the takeout double, particularly when you have a five-card suit. For example, here you have a good raise of an opening One Spade, so it is correct to jump to Two Spades over the takeout double.

At trick two, West switched to a small diamond, dummy's queen losing to the king. East returned the jack of diamonds which declarer won in the dummy. When East plays low on the jack of spades, what should the declarer do?

The answer is: if East had K x of spades, along with the king/jack of diamonds he has already produced, he would have bid on the first round of the auction. Consequently, there is no point in finessing — West is marked with the king. Put on the ace, even though they may think that you are peeping.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Short suffers

Nigel Short, of Great Britain, is in last place in the Madrid tournament after defeats at the hands of Judith Polgar and Viktor Korchnoi. Korchnoi leads with three out of four.

White: Viktor Korchnoi
Black: Nigel Short
Madrid, May 1995
Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e3	b6
5	Nge2	Ba6
6	Ng3	c5
7	d5	0-0
8	e4	Re8
9	f3	d6
10	Be2	exd5
11	cxd5	Bxe2
12	Ngxe2	b5
13	0-0	a6
14	a4	Nbd7
15	axb5	Qb6
16	bxa6	Rxa6
17	Rxa6	Qxa6
18	Ng3	Ne5
19	Bg5	Nfd7
20	f4	Nc4
21	Qe2	f6
22	Bh4	Bxc3
23	bxc3	Qa4
24	Rb1	Ncb6
25	h3	g6
26	Qg4	Qc2
27	Rxb6	Nxb6
28	Bxf6	Kf7
29	Qh4	h6
30	f5	Rg8
31	Bd8	Qd1+
32	Kh2	g5
33	Qxh6	Rxd8
34	f6	Rg8
35	Qh7+	Ke8
36	Qxg8	Black resigns

Evans revived

In the concurrent international tournament in Amsterdam, Garry Kasparov once again wheeled out that 19th century favourite, the Evans Gambit, to administer a sharp lesson to Jeroen Piket, the young Dutch Grandmaster. Piket embarked on a pawn hunt in the early middlegame but was overwhelmed by the shockwaves of the champion's sacrificial attack.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Jeroen Piket
Amsterdam, May 1995
Evans Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5
4	b4	Bb6
5	a4	a5
6	b5	Nd4
7	Nxd4	Bxd4
8	c3	Bb6
9	d4	exd4
10	0-0	Ne7
11	Bg5	h6
12	Bxe7	Qxe7
13	cxd4	Qd6
14	Nc3	Bxd4
15	Nd5	Bxa1
16	Qxa1	0-0
17	e5	Qc5
18	Rc1	c6
19	Ba2	Qa3
20	Nb6	d5
21	Nxa8	Kh8
22	Nb6	Be6
23	h3	Rd8
24	bxc6	bxc6
25	Rc3	Qb4
26	Rxc6	Rb8
27	Nxd5	Qxa4
28	Rc1	Qa3
29	Bc4	Black resigns

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

YESTERFANG
a. A milk tooth
b. An old wolf
c. Taken in the past

INTERBASTATION
a. Machicolation
b. Envious gossip
c. Quilting

BUNKUM
a. Oakum
b. Claptrap
c. An Amerindian bed

THELYPHTHORIC
a. A miracle cure
b. Corrupting women
c. A weed-killer

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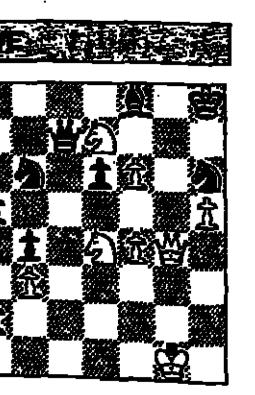
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nevednichy — Matlak, Austria 1995. White has sacrificed a piece for a strong attack. He now found a way to regain this investment and arrive at a winning endgame. Can you see how?



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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Rhein Fire 33 Scottish Claymores 27

ATHLETICS

BARKING: County championships: Winners: Men: 100m: A Falola (Woodford G) 10.55. 400m: S Carevella (Woodford G) 47.89. 800m: J Guest (Thurrock) 1:55.53. 1,500m: K Cullen (Chelmsford) 3:55.85. 5,000m: D Laughlin (Chelmsford) 14:25.27. 110m hurdles: M Perman (Havering Mayesbrook) 16.36. High jump: S Ohrland (Chelmsford) 2m. Pole vault: M Buck (Woodford G) 4.30m. Javelin: T Eldridge (Shaftesbury B) 55.56m. Women: 100m: D Cousins (Basildon) 12.18. 400m: C Davies (Croydon) 57.85. 800m: S Cook (Essex L) 2:14.03. 1,500m: C Weatherill (Shaftesbury B) 4:29.9. *100m hurdles:* K Sketchley (T Solent) 14.56. Long jump: L Vincent (Havering M) 5.36m. Triple jump: J Nicklin (Colchester and T) 11.25m. Shot: S Andrews (Essex L) 14.35m. Discus: D Callaway (Aldershot, F and D) 54.04m.

HAYES: County championships: Winners: Men: 200m: J Golding (Blackheath) 20.7. 800m: D Hall (Highgate) 1:54.7. 5,000m: J Pes (Highgate) 14:55.2. 110m hurdles: E Hamson (Thames Valley) 15.0. High jump: R Charles (Queen's Park H) 1.90m. Pole vault: D Gordon (Newham and Essex B) *4.50m. Hammer:* W Beauchamp (Ealing, S and M) 61.94m. Javelin: P Parry (Old Gaytonians) 66.80m. 3km walk: H Beek (London Irish) 12:11.0. Women: 200m: M Richardson (Windsor, S and E) 23.8. 800m: M Carville (Hillingdon) 2:14.3. 3,000m: H Yelling (Hounslow) 9:52.3. 100m hurdles: E *Cave (Parkside Harrow) 16.0. Pole vault:* D McLennan (Hounslow) 2m. Long jump: A Hansen (Shaftesbury B) 6.13m. Triple jump: M Griffith (Windsor, S and E) 13.30m. Shot: T Axten (Hounslow) 13.75m. Discus: Axten 50.74m. 3km walk: P Williams (London Irish) 13:44.7.

CROYDON: County championships: Winners: Men: 100m: R Burke (Shaftesbury B) 10.8. 400m: D Donovan (Crawley) 50.2. 1,500m: S Farbrother (Haringey) 4:00.2. 110m hurdles: C Allen (Herne Hill) 15.1. High jump: M Huggins (Thames V) 1.95m. *Pole vault:* D MacDermott (Epsom and E) *4.40m. Javelin: D MacDonald (Birmingham Univ)* 61.22m. Women: 100m: A Soper (Croydon) 12.2. 400m: M Pierre (Croydon) 57.4. 1,500m: Z Hyde (Woking) 4:35.1. 100m hurdles: N Danvers (Croydon) 13.8. Long jump: D Marti (Bromley L) 6.21m. Shot: J Oakes (Croydon) 17.89m. Discus: *Oakes 49.90m.* Hammer: *C Manning* (Woking) 40.26m.

BADMINTON

GATESHEAD: Grand slam series: Finals: Men: D Hall bt A Bush 15-10, 15-4. Doubles: *J Anderson and I Pearson bt N Cottrill and J* Quinn 15-11, 6-3 ret. Women: Doubles: G Gowers and J Muggeridge bt E Chaffin and T Groves 18-16, 15-8

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: New York Yankees 12 Boston 2, Cleveland 3 Baltimore 2: California 3 Kansas City 2. Milwaukee 14 Toronto 5. Minnesota 9 Oakland 5; Detroit 6 Texas 1. Seattle 6 Chicago WS 4. Saturday: *Boston 6 New York 4, Baltimore 6 Cleveland* 1. Toronto 10 Milwaukee 0; Kansas City 4 California 2, Texas 5 Detroit 3. Oakland 13 Minnesota 5: Seattle 6 Chicago 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 8 San Diego 4. Colorado 10 Florida 6. Cincinnati 5 Atlanta 4 (11th), Montreal 9 New York Mets 6. Philadelphia 5 Houston 2. Los Angeles 8 St Louis 4. Pittsburgh 9 San Francisco 4. Saturday: Montreal 6 New York 1, Chicago 5 San Diego 0: San Francisco 6 Pittsburgh 4: Atlanta 9 Cincinnati 6, Florida 8 Colorado 2, Philadelphia 7 Houston 5: St Louis 3 Los Angeles 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA). Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Indiana 98 New York 84 (Indiana lead series 3-1). Western Conference: Houston 118 Phoenix 85 (Phoenix lead series 2-1)

CHESSINGTON: Junior international tournament: Semi-finals: London Towers 89 (R Tull 27) Calais 73 (L Blauwant 12). East London Royals 75 (D Steward 20) Chessington Wild Cats 62 (M Westing 27). Final: London Towers 71 (J Bashorun 17) East London Royals 56 (F Batumba 14)

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Berkshire 112 Hampshire 139, Leicestershire 113 Buckinghamshire 121. Oxfordshire 139 *Essex 103: Surrey 97 Warwickshire 121.*

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedfordshire 103 Hunts 94, Norfolk 130 Cambridgeshire 102

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincolnshire 115 Northamptonshire 115. Nottinghamshire 138 Derbyshire 92.

BOXING

GLASGOW: Professional event: Heavyweight: Frank Bruno (London) bt Mike Evans (US) ko 2nd. British cruiserweight title: Terry Dunstan (London) bt Dennis Andries (London, holder) pts. Heavyweight: Scott Welch (Shoreham) bt Eduardo Carranza (Arg) ko 1st. Light-heavyweight: Darren Ashton (Stoke) bt Stefan Wright (Peterborough) pts. Super-middleweight: Cornelius Carr (Middlesbrough) bt Chris Richards (Nottingham) ret 3rd. Middleweight: Chris Pyatt (Leicester) bt Anthony Ivory (US) pts. Lightweight: Tanveer Ahmed (Glasgow) bt John O'Johnson (Nottingham) ko 3rd. Light-welterweight: Paul Ryan (London) bt Jorge Aquino (Dominican Rep) rsf 4th. Super-featherweight: Justin Juuko *(London) bt Peter Till (Walsall) rsf 4th.*

SACRAMENTO: Professional event: Heavyweight: Michael Moorer (US) bt Melvin Foster (US) pts. Kevin McBride (Ire) bt Atelea Kalhea (US) ko 1st. Middleweight: Robert Allen (US) bt Edwardo Ayala (Mexico) pts. World Boxing Council heavyweight title: Final eliminator: Lennox Lewis (GB) bt Lionel Butler (US) ko 5th

BETHNAL GREEN: Commonwealth lightweight championship: Billy Schwer (GB, holder) bt Stephen Chungu (Zambia), rsc 11th rnd. Light-middleweight: Nicky Thurbin (Ilford) bt Marty Duke (Yarmouth) rsc 3rd rnd. Super-bantam: Mark Bowers (Southampton) bt Shaun Anderson (Scotland) rsc 7th rnd. Light-heavy: Monty Wright (Stevenage) bt Nicky Wadman (Brighton) rsc 2nd rnd. Light: Colin Dunne (Holloway) bt Chris Aston (Huddersfield) rsc 4th rnd.

BERLIN: World amateur championships: Semi-finals: Flyweight: Z Lunka (Ger) bt R Gonzalez (Cuba) 11-8, B Dzumadilov (Kaz) bt J Turunen (Fin) 19-4. Feather: N Medjhoud (Mor) bt V Biciulatis (Lith) 10-1, S Todorov (Bul) bt F Huste (Ger) 15-7. Light-welter: N Suleymanoglu (Tur) bt O Urkal (Ger) 10-3; H Vinent (Cuba) bt R Suslekov (Bul), rsc 2nd rnd. Light-middle: A Duvergel (Cuba) bt S Popovic (Yug) 11-2; F Vastag (Rom) bt M Beyer (Ger) 6-4. Light-heavy: A Tarver (US) bt V Jarov (Kaz) 9-6, D Vega *(Cuba) bt T Ulrich (Ger) 11-8. Super-heavy:* V Klitschko (Ukr) bt R Monse (Ger) 6-5; A Lezin (Russ) bt L Clay-Bey (US) 5-2.

CRICKET

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: Cup: First round: Saffron Walden bt Basildon by 240 runs. Woodford Wells bt Southend-on-Sea by 3 wickets: Hornchurch bt Old Southendians by 1 wicket; Old Brentwoods bt West Essex by 7 wickets; Chelmsford bt Benfleet by 9 wickets, *Walthamstow bt Ardleigh Green* by 6 wickets, Fives and Heronians bt Hadleigh and Thundersley by 3 wickets, Leigh-on-Sea bt Epping by 256 runs, Wickford bt Stanford-le-Hope by 4 wickets. Ongar bt Loughton by 3 wickets; Gidea Park and Romford bt Harold Wood by 110 runs; Orsett and *Thurrock bt Wanstead* by 68 runs. Brentwood bt Hainault and Clayhall by 7 wickets; Chingford bt Billericay by 88 runs, Hutton bt Harlow by 3 wickets; Shenfield bt Westcliff-on-Sea by 8 wickets.

OXBRIDGE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Scarborough v Harrogate, match drawn, winning *draw to Harrogate, Sheffield Utd v York,* match drawn, winning draw to York, Castleford bt Appleby Frod by 4 wickets; Barnsley bt Cleethorpes by 2 wickets; Doncaster bt Hull by 10 wickets; Rotherham v Driffield, match drawn, winning draw to Rotherham, Yorks Academy v Sheff Colle*gate, match drawn, winning draw to* Sheffield Collegiate.

BASSETLAW LEAGUE: Harthill bt Anston by 3 wickets. Thurcroft Welfare bt Kiveton Park Colliery by 2 wickets.

CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Alsager bt Alderley Edge by 9 wickets. Bowdon bt Alvanley by 7 wickets. Brooklands bt Bramhall by 6 wickets

YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hoylandswaine bt Dodworth by 8 wickets. SNOBS bt Upper Hopton by 4 wickets; Clayton West bt Lepton Highlanders by 1 wicket. Thurstonland bt Denby by 105 runs, Dewsbury Moorlands bt Old Almondburians by 3 wickets; Cumberworth bt Denby Dale by 25 runs.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Trent Bridge: Somerset 297-6 dec and 131. Nottinghamshire 302-5 dec and 127-5. Nottinghamshire won by five wickets.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Second stage: 1, T Rominger (Switz) 25min 5sec; 2, R Sorensen (Den) at 47sec; 3, M Fondriest (It) same time; 4, F Casagrande (It) at 51sec, 5, E Berzin (Russ) at 55sec. Overall: 1, Rominger 5hr 40min 56sec; 2, Fondriest at 43sec. 3, Sorensen at 49sec. 4, Casagrande at 53sec; 5, Berzin at 57sec.

TIME TRIALS: Cramlington. 10 miles: H Walker (GS) Metro 21min 33sec. Bath CC: 10 miles: R Pears (Bath) 21.54. Catford CC: 10 miles: A Naylor (RT Italia) 21 44. Norwich CA: 10 miles: D Staff (North Road) 21 46. Morden CRC: 10 miles: T Stevens (Team 2000) 21.37. Cleveland Cureurs: 10 miles: K Murray (Army CU) 21.46. Manchester Wheelers: 25 miles: A Thomson (Westmead) 1:00.53.

ROAD RACES: Lincoln Grand Prix (102 miles): 1, M Walsham (Tritech) 3hr 59min 30sec. 2, C Newton (North Wirral Velo) at 27sec; 3, R Hammond (South Western RC) *same time. Worcester St John's CC (73 miles):* 1, J Barnes (Gloucester City CC) 2:56:20. 2, R Fuller (Port Talbot Wheelers), 3, P Esposti (Cwmcarn Paragon) both same time. Melton Olympic (Harby, Leicestershire, 55 miles): 1, G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 2:19:08, 2, A Harrison *(Letchworth Velo) at 3.07,* 3, R Sharrock (Team Stoneheld) same time.

TIME-TRIALS: Redmon CC (Dorking, hilly 73 miles): 1, K Tye (West Kent RC) 3:13:49, 2, D Johnson (High-Wycombe CC) 3:15:21; 3, L Evans (Sydenham Wheelers) 3:16:42. Team: Kingston Wheelers 10 11.14. Holme Valley Wheelers (Yorkshire, 50 miles): 1, S Vaughan (Airedale Olympic) 1:51:08. 2, C Isats (Berwick Wh) 1:52:30. 3, G Nowland (Team Rapide) 1.52.31. Team: Team Rapide (fastest third rider) 1:55.23. Abercynon RC (50 miles): 1, A Owen (CC Abergavenny) 1:55:45; 2, C Wallace (Hirwaun Wheelers) 1:55:56, 3, A Matthews (CC Abergavenny) 1:58:00. Cheshire RC (50 miles): 1, R Eperjesi (Elizabethan CC) 1:59:43, 2, R Warrington (TS Tameside) 2:00:24; 3, N Willsher (TS Tameside) 2:02:33. Team: Cheshire RC 6:38:29. Viking RC (Essex, 25 miles). 1, K Neary (Leo RC) 52.27: 2, R Van Looy (Octagon VC) 54.29, 3, M Whitehead (VC Deal) 54.32. Addiscombe CC (25 miles): 1, T Stevens (Team 2000) 53.27, 2, K Reed (34 Nomads) 54 58: 3, P Hamilton (Wren Wh) 55:39. Team: 34 Nomads 2:54:27. Walsall RCC (25 miles): 1, D Willetts (Birchfield CC) 53:34, 2, W Moore (Leo RC) 53:44, 3, L Rathbone (Tamworth RCC) 55:59. Team: Warwicks RC 2:57.15

Northumbria Police CC (25 miles): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 54:19, 2, K Bryden (Houghton CC) 58.25, 3, B Walker (GS Metro) 58.19. Team: GS Metro 2:51.38. Banbury Star CC (25 miles): 1, N Gardner (Multisport Team) 54:42: 2, E Adkins (Leo RC) 54.51: 3, C Bond (Kenton RC) 58.16. Team: Oxonian CC 3.01 52.

Wisbech Wheelers (25 miles). 1, G Dighton (Leo RC) 55:28. 2, J French (Leo RC) 56:54; 3, R Boundy (CC Breckland) 57:23. Team: Leo RC 2:58.35. Law Wheelers (Stirling, 25 miles). 1, S Duff (GS Modena) 56:00: 2, D Hannah (Denny RC) 56 53, 3, R Johnston (E Kilbride TC) 57:54. Birkenhead Victoria CC (25 miles). 1, P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wh) 56:04, 2, D Jenkins (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 56:58, 3, D Fisher (Lancashire RC) 57 07. Team: Crewe Clarion Wh 2:57:07

Elite CC (Essex, 25 miles): 1, *T Luxford* (Woolwich CC) 56:25: 2, B McDonald (RT East) 56:31; 3, I Silvester (San Fairy Ann CC) 58.22. Sotonia CC (25 miles): 1, T Icke (Poole Wh) 57:46: 2, H Featherstone (Norwood Paragon) 58:57, 3, M Hodges (Crabwood CC) 59:07. Team: Poole Wh 3:00:44. Musselburgh RCC (25 miles): 1, D Henderson (Hawick CC) 57.46, 2, D Marshall (Bonnyrigg CC) 59:15; 3, N Lawson (Musselburgh RCC) 59:45. Team: Musselburgh RCC 3:02:14. St Austell Wheelers (25 miles): 1, J Trott (Exeter Wh) 58:43, 2, K Rees (Plymouth Cor) 58:56, 3, J Ball (Penzance Wh) 59:35. Team: Penzance Wh 3.06.28. Wigmore CC (Kent, 25 miles): 1, M Vowells (San Fairy Ann CC) 1:00.33: 2, S Castle (Wigmore CC) 1:00:56, 3, J Ledger (Wigmore CC) 1:02:21, Team: Wigmore CC 3:05:25. Weardale RC (sporting, 16 miles) 1, N Jackson (Cleveland Wh) 36:49, 2, A McKenna (Middridge CRT) 37.18; 3, M Wright (Middridge CRT) 40:07.

Adam Jones, of Harlequins, is tackled by Wille Louw, a member of the Ithuba invitation seven in the quarter-final of the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham. Harlequins lost 28-7 to the eventual runners-up. Photograph: Marc Aspland

DUATHLON

ZOFINGEN, Switzerland: Powerman duathlon: 1, U Dellsperger (Switz) 6hr 59min 43sec; 2, O Sebatschus (Ger) 7.6.29: 3, R Müller (Ger) 7:08.49, 4, J Klaisse (Bel) *7:11 30; 5, D Keller (Switz) 7:12.04.* British: 13, J Jenkinson 7.22.57. Women: 1, M Tormoen (US) 7:42.43; 2, I Mouthon (Fr) 7:50.27, 3, M Weise (Ger) 8:00.44; 4, H Fuhr (Can) 8:09.08; 5, S Nussbaumer (Austria) 8 13.24. British: 8, M Watson 8:34.38.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL WINDSOR SHOW: Classic: 1, Hello Oscar (G Glazzard) clear, 36 93sec; 2, Electrik II (G Goosen) clear 37.41; 3, Rhapsody (G Billington) 3 faults 47 42. British Horsemaster: 1, G Glazzard no faults; 2, T Stockdale 24 faults; 3, J Fisher 30 faults. Lancaster Grand Prix: 1, Midnight Madness (M Whitaker) clear, 38.69sec; 2, Aladdin (M Edgar) clear, 42.48; 3, Hello Oscar (G Glazzard) clear, 42.63. TNT international trial: 1, Tiptoe (J Fisher) 0 in 51.18, 2, *Fleurance (J Popely) 4 in 43.18.* 3, Wessec Fields of Athersy (P Sutton) 4 in 46 14. Harrods Driving Grand Prix: Horse teams: 1, G Bowman (GB) 121.4; 2, M Freund (Ger) 126 7, 3, K Bassett (GB) 145.0. Pony teams: 1, A van de Kamp (Holl) 144.7: 2, P Schenk (Austria) 145.2; 3, T Bucker *(Ger) 148.2.*

GOLF

IRVING, Texas: Classic tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated). 195: E Els (SA) 69, 61, 65. 198: R L Freeman 65, 65, 68. 199: F Zoeller 68, 67, 64; G Day 63, 69, 67. 200: M Heinen 67, 66, 67. 201: B Chamblee 67, 68, 66, *D A Weibring 65, 69, 67; C Stadler* 66, 67, 68; K Perry 65, 66, 70. 202: G Morgan 68, 66, 68; J D Blake 64, 69, 69. 204: J Ozaki (Japan) 65, 71, 68: B Ogle (Aus) 70, 65, 69; J Parnevik (Swe) 68, 66, 70. 206: N Faldo (GB) 66, 71, 69. 207: S Elkington (Aus) 71, 68, 68.

DELAWARE: Women's tournament: Third round (US unless stated). 205: L Davies (GB) 66, 68, 69. 206: K Robbins 66, 68, 72. 207: P Sheehan 67, 68, 72. 208: M Mona 67, 71, 70; D Mochrie 67, 70, 71. 209: A Finney 71, 68, 70; J Larsen 71, 68, 70; B Thomas 70, 66, 73. 211: R Jones 72, 71, 68: *V Skinner 73, 69, 69; P Bradley 71, 70, 70;* T Green 69, 72, 70; B Mucha 71, 69, 71. 213: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 71, 73, 69. T Johnson (GB) 71, 71, 71. 214: A Sorenstam (Swe) 71, 71, 72. 215: H Alfredsson (Swe) 72, 74, 69. 216: J Crafter (Aus) 76, 69, 71, J Lidback (Peru) 75, 70, 71. L Neumann (Swe) 70, 71, *75. 217: S Little (SA) 73, 73, 71. 218:* H Dobson (GB) 77, 70, 71. 220: A Nicholas (GB) 76, 71, 73; L Walters (Can) 72, 74, 74; E Dahllof (Swe) 73, 72, 75. 221: C Pierce (GB) 73, 74, 74; D Coe-Jones (Can) 73, 74, 74. 222: J Stephenson (Aus) 74, 72, 76. 223: S Strudwick (GB) 74, 73, 76

COSTA AZUL, Portugal: Women's tournament: Leading third round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 205: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 72, 67, 66. 207: E Orley (Switz) 68, 72, 67. 208: C Dibnah (Aus) 67, 72, 69. 212: K Webb (Aus) 67, 76, 69. 213: L Fairclough 73, 67, 73; V Michaud (Fr) 69, 69, 75. 215: S Bennett 76, 70, 69: S Dallongeville (Fr) 73, 73, 69; P Meunier (Fr) 74, 70, 71. 216: K Orum (Den) 72, 75, 69, K Douglas 74, 72, 70; D Dowling 75, 71, 70; A Brighouse 72, 72, 72; L Hackney 72, 72, 72, P Rigby (Swe) 71, 70, 75; S Hodge 73, 68, 75. 217: H Koch (Swe) 75, 76, 66; S Waugh (Aus) 71, 76, 70; K Marshall 69, 76, 72.

FAIRHAVEN: Amateur international: Foursomes: England 2 Spain 2. (Eng names first) L James and C Edwards bt F D de Pablo and C J Aquero, 2 and 1. D Howell *and G Harris lost to J Cestino and F Cea, 2* holes. M Blackey and R Bland lost to V Fernandez-Grand and J Vescaya, 5 and 3. D Lynn and G Wolstenholme bt J M Lara and S Garcia, 3 and 2. Singles: England 4½ Spain 3½. (Eng names first) M Foster lost to Cea, 1 hole, James bt A Cortina, 4 and 3: Harris bt Fernandez-Grand, 1 hole; Garcia bt Edwards, 2 holes: Howell bt Aquero, 3 and 2, de Pablo bt Bland, 2 and 1, Blackey bt Cestino, 2 holes. Wolstenholme halved with Lara. Match score: England 6½ Spain 5½.

HOCKEY

ADELAIDE: Men's international: Australia 3 England 1 (Australia lead six Test series 2-0).

ENGLISH INTER-LEAGUE: Final play-offs: High Wycombe 1 Olton and West Warwickshire 3, Whitchurch 0 C Portsmouth 3 (Portsmouth and Olton qualify for National League second division)

SHEFFIELD: Centenary women's tournament: International: England 1 Germany 1. Representative match: Past England 3 *Past Ireland 1. Club challenge:* Ealing 0 Exmouth 1: Hightown 0 Bracknell 0. Exmouth 2 Pickwick 0. Veterans club championship: Finals: Owls (Midlands) 0 Evergreens (North) 0; Sevenoaks 0 Exmouth 0. Evergreens 1 Winceyettes (South) 0. Exmouth 0 Owls 0: Winceyettes 1 Sevenoaks 0. English under-21 indoor championship: Finals: Essex 4 Cornwall 2. Yorkshire 5 Surrey 2. Cornwall 3 Derbyshire 2: Surrey 4 Essex 5: Derbyshire 1 Yorkshire 5.

WAKEFIELD: Junior divisional tournament: Saturday: East 0 Midlands 5. South 7 North 3, West 3 East 3: Midlands 7 *North 0: West 0 South 12. Yesterday:* North 1 East 2: Midlands 4 West 3, East 1 South 7: North 6 West 2: South 4 Midlands 3 (South win title).

MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Southgate 0 Lyons 0 (aet. Southgate won 4-2 on penalty strokes).

CARDIFF: Four nations tournament: Ireland 1 Scotland 1, Wales 1 Belgium 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL). First round play-offs: Western Conference (best of seven series): Toronto 2 Chicago 3: Chicago 3 Toronto 1 (Tied 2-2): Dallas 1 Detroit 5 (Detroit lead 3-0). Calgary 9 San Jose 2: Calgary 6 San Jose 4 (Tied 2-2). Vancouver 6 St Louis 1, St Louis 5 Vancouver 2 (Tied 2-2). Eastern Conference: New Jersey 1 *Boston 0 (OT) (New Jersey lead 3-1), New* York 3 Quebec 2 (OT) (New York lead 3-1). Washington 6 Pittsburgh 2 (Washington lead 3-1), Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 2 (Philadelphia lead 3-1).

JUDO

BIRMINGHAM: European championships: Winners: Men: Under-60kg: *N Donohue* (GB) bt G Vazagachvili (Geo). Under-65kg: P Schlatter (Ger) bt V Zeleny (Lat). Under-71kg: M Schmidt (Ger) bt C Gagliano (Fr). *Under-78kg: P Reiter (Austria) bt D Bouras* (Fr). Under-86kg: M Arens (Holl) bt I Djikovraouli (Georgia). Under-95kg: P Nastula (Pol) bt D Serguéev (Russ). Over-95kg: S Kossorotov (Russ) bt F Moller (Ger). Open: I Csosz (Hun) bt R Koser (Ger). Women: Under-48kg: Y Soler (Sp) bt S *Meloux (Fr). Under-52kg:* A Giungi (It) bt H Goossens (Bel). Under-56kg: N Fairbrother (GB) bt I Fernandez (Sp). Under-61kg: J Gal (Holl) bt D Bell (GB). Under-66kg: A Dubois (Fr) bt E Pierantozzi (It). Under-72kg: U Werbouk (Bel) bt E Essombe (Fr). Over-72kg: G Goundarenko (Russ) bt C Cicot (Fr).

LACROSSE

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY: Shepherds Friendly Society: National premiership: *Semi-finals:* Poynton 1 *Mellor* 15. *Stockport* 12 Cheadle 8. *Third/fourth play-off:* Cheadle 13 Poynton 7. *Final:* Stockport 5 Mellor 12.

MODERN TRIATHLON

MILTON KEYNES: British modern triathlon championships: Men: Masters: 1, M Quick 3,595pts: 2, T Meadows 3,522; 3, B Bryon 3,439. Seniors: 1, G Whyte 3,568; 2, S Robbie 3,408; 3, D Stannard 3,379. Juniors: 1, C Low 3,590; 2, D Storer 3,529; 3, S *Moran* 3,384. Youth A: 1, G Hancock 3,398; 2, C Moran 3,260; 3, M McGurk 3,230. Youth B: 1, P Hopkins 3,289; 2, D Mann 3,170; 3, C Alison 3,107. Youth C: 1, A Holloway 3,258; 2, S Weale 3,147; 3, J Pope 3,108. Women: Seniors: 1, H Griffiths 3,245; 2, H Shearn 3,059; 3, C Yarroll 2,868. *Masters: 1, E Tedder 3,150; 2,* S Norton 3,077; 3, A Cooper 3,070. Juniors: 1, S Lewis 3,635; 2, V Oxford 3,290; 3, V Christer 3,226. Youth A: 1, A Smale 3,266; 2, 2, D Pope 3,261, 3, J Barron 3,196; Youth B: 1, M Bates 3,457; 2, B Dix 3,297; 3, R Wells 3,179. Youth C: 1, S Langridge 3,462; 2, Y Cook *3,219;* 3, A Hunter 3,171.

MOTOR SPORT

LONDON-MEXICO RALLY: 30th stage (Medellin to Cartagena): 1, H Mikkola *(Fin)/G Palm (Swe) Ford Escort 7hr 8min* 56sec; 2, R Dunkerton (Aus)/H Mansson (Aus) Datsun 240Z 7:15:34; 3, R Martin-Hurst (GB)/W Koningsveld (Holl) Ford Escort 7:48.04

BRANDS HATCH: Shell Advance International Superbike Trophy: First race (15 laps, 39 miles). 1, J Whitham (Ducati) 22min 37.58sec (av speed 103.42mph): 2, S Hislop (Ducati) 22:37.75; 3, M Llewellyn (Ducati) 22.47.74. Second race (15 laps, 39 miles): 1, Whitham 22:27.14 (104.22): 2, Hislop 22:31.33; 3, Llewellyn 22:42.19.

SILVERSTONE: British touring car championship: Seventh round (25 laps, 41.05 miles). 1, R Rydell (Swe) Volvo 850 20V 25min 58.58sec (av speed 94.79mph); 2, P Radisch (NZ) Ford Mondeo Ghia at 1.50secs; 3, J Cleland (GB) Vauxhall Cavalier 16V at 7.64. Eighth round (22 laps, 36.12 miles): 1, Radisch 22:51.41 (94.82). 2, Rydell at 0.43s, 3, T Harvey (GB) Volvo 850 20V at 7.29. Championship positions: Drivers: 1, Rydell 100pts; 2, Cleland 88; 3, A Menu (Switz) 85; 4, Radisch 84; 5, Harvey 85; 6, J Thompson (GB) 60. Manufacturers: 1, Volvo 137; 2, Vauxhall 124; 3, Renault 110; 4, Ford 106; 5, BMW 57

MONTLHERY, France: International GT sportscar championship (159 laps, 338 miles). 1, S Obermaier (Ger)/D Hubner (Ger) Porsche 4hr 53.56sec; 2, B Farmer (NZ)/P Edwards (GB)/R Neam (GB) Porsche at 2 laps; 3, G Quargentan (It)/P Auvray (Fr) Porsche at 3 laps. Championship standings (after seven rounds): 1, J Nielsen (Den)/T Bscher (Ger) 138pts; 2, R Bellm (GB)/M Sala (Br) 128; 3, E Calderari/L Bryner (Switz) 106.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Premiership

Semi-finals

First division

Leeds	30	St Helens	26

Leeds: Tries: Cummins, Innes, Iro, Mann, Mercer. Goals: Holroyd 5. St Helens: Tries: Goulding, Hunte, Loughlin, Matautia, Prescott. Goals: Goulding 3. Att: 11,879

Friday's result: Wigan 50 Warrington 20.

Second division

Batley	6	Keighley	38

Batley: Tries: Harrison. Goals: Wilson. Huddersfield: Tries: Pearce, Richards. Goals: Pearce 2. Dropped goal: Kerry. Att: 2,582

Keighley	38	London Broncos	4

Keighley: Tries: Wood 2, Irving, Pinkney, Robinson, Stoop. Goals: Irving 7. London Broncos: Try: Roskell. Att: 3,627.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Premier division: Dudley Hill 12 Saddleworth 18; Egremont 28 West Hull 16: Mayfield 54 Askam 12; Woolston 20 Heworth 14.

WINFIELD CUP: Tenth round: Cronulla 18 Auckland 23, Sydney 16 Gold Coast 14; *Western Suburbs 32 Penrith 6.*

SHINTY

NATIONAL LEAGUE TROPHY: Final: Kingussie 5 Oban Camanachd 0

MARINE HARVEST LEAGUES: *First division:* Glenurquhart 4 Fort William 2; Inveraray 3 Oban Celtic 1, Strachur 1 Glasgow Mid Argyll 3. Second division: Kilmallie 3 Caberfeidh 0. Third division: Fort William 3 Aberdeen University 1; Kingussie 4 Skye 0; Kinlochshiel 4 Caberfeidh 3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Spring match rifle meeting (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yds). Lord Cottesloe's Cup (English): 1, S Collings 389; 2, N Tremlett 387; 3, J Powell 375. Scottish Eight Cup: 1, M Baillie-Hamilton 363; 2, A Campbell-Smith 343, 3, T Drummond 338. Welsh Cup: 1, L Brister 365; 2, N Bartlett 343, 3, H Morley 330. Auditor's Cup (Saturday agg). 1, Collings 235; 2, Tremlett 231, 3, D Calvert 229. Martin-Smith Cup (Sunday agg): 1, *Calvert 181; 2, Powell 157; 3, Tremlett 156.* Rankin Memorial Cup (1200 yds agg). 1, Collings 134; 2, Calvert 133; 3, Tremlett 129. Grand Aggregate: 1, Calvert 390; 2, Collings 389; 3, Tremlett 387.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bradford 58 Hull 38; Coventry 47 Oxford 49, Cradley Heath 58 King's Lynn 37; Eastbourne 51 Wolverhampton 45; Swindon 63 Middlesbrough 33.

ARENA ESSEX: World under-21 championship: *Qualifying round:* 1, P Hurry *(Eng)* 15pts, 2, J Crump (Aus) 14; 3, R Sullivan (Aus) 12.

TABLE TENNIS

TIANJIN, China: World championships: Singles: Men: Semi-finals: K Linghui (China) bt D Song (China) 21-12, 21-18, 21-18. L Guoliang (China) bt W Tao (China) 17-21, 21-15, 21-18, 21-16. Final: Linghui bt Guoliang 17-21, 21-16, 15-21, 21-14, 21-10. Women: Final: D Yaping (China) bt Q Hong (China) 14-21, 21-17, 21-17, 14-21, 21-14.

TENNIS

HAMBURG: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt P Sampras (US) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. Final: Medvedev bt Ivanisevic 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

PINEHURST: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Larsson (Swe) bt J Palmer (US) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, T Enqvist (Swe) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-2, 6-1; D Wheaton (US) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-4, *6-3, J Frana (Arg) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-7,* 7-5, 6-4. Semi-finals: Frana bt Larsson 6-4, 6-3. Enqvist bt Wheaton 7-5, 6-4.

ROME: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-3, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-3, 6-3. Final: Martinez bt Sánchez Vicario 6-3, 6-1

PRAGUE: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: J Halard (Fr) bt K Studenikova (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-1, L Richterova (Cz) bt S Rottier (Holl) 6-4, 6-0. Final: Halard bt Richterova 6-4, 6-4.

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA tournament: *Finals: Men: T Larkham (Aus) bt J Sekulov* (Aus) 0-6, 6-3, 6-3. Women: K Cross (GB) bt J Durie (GB) 6-4, 6-4.

YACHTING

AMERICA'S CUP: Black Magic bt Young America 1min 50sec (Black Magic win series 5-0).

RUGBY UNION

Twickenham

Middlesex Sevens

Sixth round			
Orrell	17	Blackheath	27
Wasps	31	Gloucester	10
Leicester	40	W Sussex Inst	12
Northampton	14	Selkirk	17
Ithuba (SA)	31	Haywards Heath	7
Harlequins	19	London Scottish	14
Bristol	28	Reading	7
Rosslyn Park	17	Bath	14
Quarter-finals			
Blackheath	19	Wasps	12
Leicester	31	Selkirk	7
Ithuba	28	Harlequins	7
Bristol	14	Rosslyn Park	24
Semi-finals			
Blackheath	5	Leicester	21
Ithuba	24	Rosslyn Park	14
Final			
Leicester	38	Ithuba	19

Plate

First round: Orrell 26 Gloucester 12: W Sussex Inst 12 Northampton 28; Haywards Heath 14 London Scottish 24; Reading 12 Bath 5.

Semi-finals			
Orrell	19	Northampton	0
London Scottish	7	Reading	21
Final			
Orrell	15	Reading	12

LEADING SCORER: 38: J Liley (Leicester; 2 tries, 14 conversions). Tries: 4: P Booysen (Ithuba) and N Richardson (Leicester).

Under-21 International

Italy	6	England	22
		(in Viadana)	

Du Manoir Challenge

Final

Toulouse	41	Bègles	20
		(at Agen)	

SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET

Aldenham 150-5 dec. * Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 151-6
Berkhamsted 136. * Bishop's Stortford College 138-3
* Brighton 217: Whitgift 153-7
* Bryanston 215-5 dec (T C Z Lamb 138): Monkton Combe 203-7 (M Beeby 100 not out)
RGS Colchester 183-8 dec: * Forest 186-6
Colston's 212-6 dec: * Christ Coll, Brecon 122-9
Duke of York's RMS 129: * Sir Roger Manwood's 133-2
* Emanuel 131; * Eltham 132-8
Epsom 175, * Seaford 105
* Framlingham 265-3 dec (J Phillips 127 not *out*). *Brentwood 127-5*
Free Foresters 252-8 dec (R Yates 125): * Dean Close 258-4
* Haileybury 258-6 dec (J E L Dahl 120 not out). Chigwell 138
Hampton 158. * Latymer 122
* Hurstpierpoint 249-5 dec (S May 150): *Cranleigh 215-8*
King's, Canterbury 211-5 dec, * Eastbourne 101-4
King's, Taunton 229-7 (N Boulton 111): * King's, Bruton 233-8
King Edward's, Aston 151-8 dec: * Bablake 136-5
Maidstone GS 180-9 dec. * *Sevenoaks* 181-2
Milton Abbey 85, * Embley Park 86-1
* Repton 201-7 dec, Bromsgrove 202-7
* RGS Guildford 303-5 dec, Reigate 209-6 (J Hilton 117)
St Dunstan's 213-9 dec (N Kirby 104): * St Paul's 214-2
* Sedbergh 240-5 dec (M Crookes 108): Ampleforth 148-4
* Stockport GS 182-9, King's, Chester 104: Stonyhurst 226-1 dec (O Gregory 104 not out, M Breckzke 106 not out). * Giggleswick 181-9
Strathallan 127, * Loretto 129-7
Sutton Valence 43; * Dover 44-1
* Watford GS 190-6 dec; Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 153-8
* Wells Cathedral 149; QEH140
(* denotes home side)

RUGBY LEAGUE

BNFL National play-offs

Under-18			
Semi-finals			
East Leeds	17	Woolston	
Blackbrook	16	Leigh East	8
Under-16			
Semi-final			
Egremont	19	Orrell St James	46

SWIMMING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Bath Cup and Otter Medley Schools championship: 4 x 100m freestyle: Bath Cup: 1, Robert Gordons College (Aberdeen: Snape, Henderson, *Robb and Slattery*). *3min 51.77sec;* 2, Campbell College (Belfast). 3:52.73; 3, Eltham College. 4:00.01. Aldenham Cup: 1, City of London Freemens, 4:00.74. Otter medley: 1, Dulwich College, 1:55.72 (Smietanka, Ross Martin, Collins and Murrell); 2, Robert Gordons College, 1:57.12; 3, Brighton College, 1:57.99. Otter medley B: 1, Durham School, 2:03.04 (record). Girls inaugural freestyle relay (4 x 50m): 1, Bolton School 2:03.07; 2, Alleyns School, 2:05.82; 3, City of London Freemens, 2:06.71. Girls inaugural medley relay: 1, Bolton School, 2:17.64; 2, City of London Freemens, 2:22.80; 3, Bishops Stortford College, 2:25.39

BACHELOR HEAVEN!

COOKING! Cordon bleu? Cordoned *off*. PJ O'Rourke flambés his kitchen

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LYING! Why women do it better

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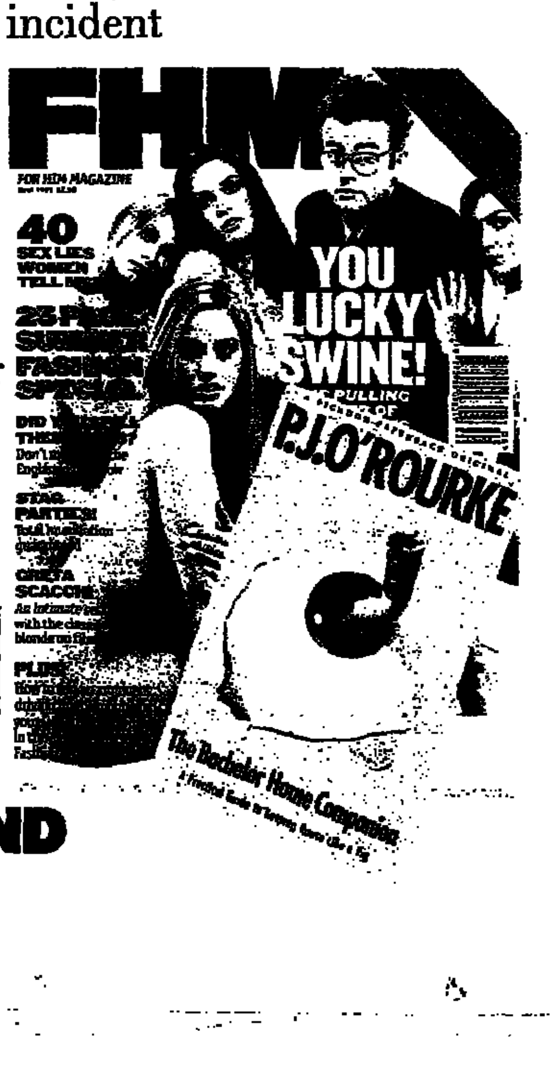

RACING

LINGFIELD PARK

Going: firm

1.30 (7f) 1, Fakih (W Carson, 7-2 jt-fav). 2, Mubariz (11-2): 3, Ramsdens (10-1). Red Rita 7-2 jt-fav. 11 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. A Stewart. Tote: £3.50; £1 40, £2.00, £3.00. DF: £10 10. Trio: £33 30. CSF: £20.15

2.00 (7f) 1, Daring Destiny (J Tate, 15-8); 2, *Cheyenne Spirit (11-2); 3, Twilight Patrol* (10-1). Queenfisher 13-8 fav. 5 ran. 2l, 3l. K Burke. Tote: £2.70; £1 40, £2.90. DF: £5 30. CSF: £10.60

2.30 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Asterita (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Bunting (2-1); 3, Kshessinskaya (10-1). Pricroy 11-10 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, hd. R Hannon. Tote: £5 70, £1.80, £1 10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £16 55.

3.00 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Munwar (W Carson, 5-6 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating): 2, Riyadian (8-1): 3, In Camera (15-2). 7 *ran.* Hd, 1¼l. P Walwyn. Tote: £1 80: £1.40, £3.10. DF: £4 10. CSF: £7.96

3.30 (7f) 1, Shahid (W Carson, 8-11 fav), 2, Muchtarak (14-1), 3, Bold Effort (13-2). 8 ran. 1¼l, 1½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £6 50. CSF: £11.38. Tricast: £39.48

4.00 (7f) 1, *Moon Strike (Miss I Foustok,* 15-2); 2, Broughtons Turmoil (10-1); 3, Tiddy Oggie (14-1); 4, Robellion (16-1). Pusey Street Boy 9-2 fav. 16 ran. Sh hd, 4l. W Jarvis. Tote: £8.30; £2.90, £2.20, £3.40, £3.30. DF: £62.80. Trio: £564 50. CSF: £80 12. *Tricast: £961.35.*

4.30 (6f) 1, Paddy's Rice (D Harrison, 5-1: Richard Evans's nap); 2, Moujeeb (5-1); 3, Another Jade (3-1 fav). 13 *ran.* 1½l, ¾l. L Holt. Tote: £6.90; £1.90, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £16.00. Trio: £43 60. CSF: £31.20. Tricast: £83 72

5.00 (7f) 1, Decorated Hero (L Dettori, 15-8 fav); 2, *Roderick Hudson* (7-1), 3, Office Hours (5-2). 10 ran. NR: Amany. Nk, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.00; £1.60, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £8.90. Trio: £6.10. CSF: £14.25.

Placepot: £49.90. Quadpot: £29.30.

BATH

2.10 1, Cap And Gown (8-11 fav); 2, Jaffrazi (7-1); 3, Makri (9-2). 12 ran.

2.40 1, Sonic Mail (13-8 fav); 2, *Eights High (9-2); 3, Lucky Revenge (20-1). 12 ran.* NR: Crocodile Shoes. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.10 1, Lucky Parkes (4-6 fav); 2, Tart And A Half (9-1); 3, Crystal Magic (6-4). 3 ran.

3.40 1, Alriffa (4-7 fav); 2, English Invader (11-2); 3, Spot Prize (9-4). 4 ran

4.10 1, Ann's Pearl (25-1); 2, Winsome Wooster (6-1); 3, Nordico Princess (4-1 fav). 14 ran. NR: Sweet Magic.

4.40 1, Inchcailloch (3-1 fav): 2, French Ivy (33-1); 3, Flashman (33-1), 4, Tarthooth (11-2). 20 ran.

BEVERLEY

2.20 1, Charm Dancer (16-1); 2, Gentle Irony (4-1); 3, Absolute Folly (11-4 fav). 10 ran.

2.50 1, Euro Sceptic (13-2); 2, Three Arch Bridge (100-30 fav): 3, Grey Again (9-2). 12 ran.

3.20 1, Equerry (7-1): 2, Kemo Sabo (11-2); 3, Superoo (12-1). South Eastern *Fred 4-1 fav. 11 ran.*

3.50 1, Prussian Blue (8-13 fav); 2, Warning Order (7-4); 3, Rainelle (9-1). 3 ran.

4.20 1, Prince Aslia (5-4 fav): 2, Welville (7-1); 3, Meeting Point (2-1). 8 ran. NR: Bowlers Boy, Diminuet.

4.50 1, Hazard A Guess (2-1 fav); 2, Augustan (12-1); 3, Southern Power (11-4). 7 ran.

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WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Doubleyoubeay (4-1); 2, U-No-*Harry (4-5 fav); 3, Colour Counsellor (10-1)* 5 ran.

7.30 1, Reported (5-1); 2, Wentbridge Lad (13-8 fav); 3, Fiaba (4-1). 13 ran

8.00 1, Jarrsab (10-11 fav); 2, Swordking (5-1); 3, Premier Dance (6-1). 10 ran.

8.30 1, The Old Chapel (9-2), 2, Tyrone Flyer (10-1), 3, Disco Boy (7-1). At The Savoy 11-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Grey Toppa.

9.00 1, Subtusk (8-1), 2, Moi Canard (3-1 fav); 3, Mustaffa (11-2). 8 ran.

9.30 1, Whitelock Quest (100-30): 2, Captain Marmalade (9-4 fav); 3, Sparkling Roberta (6-1). 8 ran.

NEWCASTLE

6.20 1, Classic Exhibit (3-1 fav); 2, Robins *Pride (9-1); 3, Stylish Gent (20-1). 13 ran.*

6.50 1, Forward Glen (5-6 fav); 2, The Energiser (50-1); 3, Shawwell (11-2). 12 ran.

7.20 1, Strong Sound (7-2); 2, Brackenfield (8-11 fav); 3, Wait You There (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Silver Stick, Veleda II

7.50 1, Jalcanto (2-1 fav); 2, Peppisi (4-1); 3, Old Habits (5-1). 8 ran. NR: Aljadeer.

8.20 1, Vicaridge (10-11 fav); 2, Laune-O (33-1); 3, Ballinrostig (16-1). 5 ran. NR: Mils Mij.

8.50 1, New Inn (7-4); 2, Rambollina (6-1); 3, Portamento (40-1). Sharp Sensation 13-8 *fav. 17 ran.*

WARWICK

5.40 1, Beatson (5-2), 2, First Crack (6-4 fav); 3, Tordo (13-8). 5 ran.

6.10 1, Linden's Lotto (7-4); 2, Merry Panto (10-11 fav); 3, Nuclear Express (10-1). 5 ran.

6.40 1, Crosula (6-5 fav); 2, Elusive Star (9-2); 3, Spearhead Again (5-1). 8 ran. NR: Niyaka.

7.10 1, Copper Mine (10-1); 2, Unholy Alliance (5-4 fav); 3, Channels Gate (11-4). 7 ran.

7.40 1, Destiny Calls (9-4), 2, Mulciber (4-5 fav); 3, Ambassador Royale (10-1). 5 ran. NR: Sabaki River.

8.10 1, Evening Rush (8-1); 2, The Merry Gambler (20-1). Cool Dawn 2-11 fav. 4 ran.

8.40 1, Exterior Profiles (4-6 fav); 2, Diviner (12-1); 3, Succotash (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Chai-Yo, Kennington Kuwait.

WORCESTER

1.45 1, How's It Goin (5-1); 2, Karline Ka (16-1), 3, Smart Family (13-2). Shuttlingslow 3-1 fav. 15 ran.

2.15 1, Sparkling Sunset (3-1); 2, Royal Segos (14-1); 3, Some Dream (33-1). Kings Shilling 11-4 fav. 11 ran.

2.45 1, Steve Ford (12-1); 2, Dress Dance (13-2); 3, Pinecone Peter (13-2). Reve En Rose (11-2 fav). 15 ran.

3.15 1, Saint Martine (8-1); 2, Miss Fern (5-1); 3, Sillan (14-1). Ask The Governor 7-2 fav. 14 ran.

3.45 1, Henry Cone (15-2); 2, Knockaverry (7-1); 3, Linton Rocks (8-1); 4, Crane Hill (10-1). Violet's Boy 11-2 fav. 17 ran.

4.15 1, General Rusty (15-8 fav), 2, Father Power (6-1); 3, Monksfort (8-1). 14 ran.

4.45 1, Coole Hill (9-2 fav): 2, Henrietta Howard (14-1); 3, Super Saffron (20-1). 20 ran. NR: Dark Romance, Halona.

Jackpot: *not* won (pool of £90,221.78 carried forward to Windsor today).

POINT-TO-POINT

BORDER (Corbridge): Confined: 1, Kidlaw (A Parker, 6-1); 2, Gone Astray; 3, Heroic Way. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Jade Shoon (J Cookson, 4-1); 2, Glenbricken; 3, Pennine View. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Fettle Up (Miss S Brotherton, 6-1); 2, Steele Justice; 3, Kilfula King. 4 ran. Open: 1, Fast Study (S Robinson, 4-5 fav); 2, Jack Dwyer; 3, Hill Ryde. 3 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Deise Crusader (P Forster, 20-1), 2, *Kiwi Lake. Only 2 finished.* 7 ran. *Open* Mdn II: 1, Wire Lass (Miss J Thurlow, 16-1); 2, Eastlands Monkey; 3, Lakeside Lass. 11 ran. Hunt: 1, Bow Handy Man (T Scott, 5-4 fav), 2, Clare Lad. Only 2 finished. 4 ran.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV HUNTS CLUB (Cottenham): Hunt: 1, Horace (S R Andrews, 1-4 fav); 2, Galloway Raider. 3, Highland Laird. 3 ran. Intermediate: 1, River Melody (T Moore, 2-5 fav); 2, Ovac Star; 3, Couture Quality. 3 ran. Open: 1, Cockstown Lad (D Featherstone, 3-1); 2, Ballyhyho; 3, Shannon Glen. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Cherry Chap (Miss L Hollis, 4-6 fav); 2, So Isle; 3, Notary-Nowell. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Fouracre (C Vale, 5-2), 2, Culm Baron; 3, Inch Gale. 7 ran. Open *Mdn: 1, Tresillian Bay (S R Andrews,* 4-1); 2, Barmerville; 3, Shelter. 9 ran.

FERNIE (Dingley): Hunt: 1, Write The Music (D Esden, 9-2); 2, Peel Forest; 3, Dominics Cross. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Raise An Argument (J Docker, 4-6 fav); 2, Tell You What; 3, Obie's Train. 9 ran. Open Mdn (5-7yo) (Div I): 1, Broad Steane (A Sansome, 11-10 fav); 2, Sovereigns Match; 3, Seachest. 11 ran. Open Mdn (5-7yo) II: 1, Swift Reward (W Wales, 3-1); 2, Miss Cresta; 3, Broadcaster. 9 ran. *Mixed Open:* 1, Alpha One (D Pease, 5-1); 2, Mr Gossip; 3, Teatrader. 7 ran. Restricted: 1, Specialarrangement (A Hill, 4-5 fav); 2, Damers Treasure; 3, Ballyvoyle Bay. 16 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Chequebook Charlie (P Picton-Warlow, 12-1); 2, Riverside Love; 3, Odysseus. 18 ran.

GOLDEN VALLEY (Bredwardine). Hunt: 1, Ollardale (W Bryan, Evens fav); 2, Geo Potheen; 3, Lies Le Bucflow. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Uslary Lad (R Johnson, 5-2); 2, Beldora; 3, Coombesbury Lane. 7 ran. Open: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheeler, 4-6 fav); 2, La Mezeray; 3, Coltrane. 10 ran. Ladies: 1, Drumceva (Miss E Wilesmith, 10-1); 2, Howaryadoon; 3, Cantantivy. 12 ran. Rest 1: 1, Billy-Gwyn (J Tudor, 2-1 fav); 2, McMahon's River; 3, Saffron Glory. 10 ran. Rest (Div II): 1, The Rum Mariner (J Jukes, 2-1 fav); 2, Fight Again, 3, Haven Light. 14 ran. Mdn (Div I, part I): 1, Offensive Weapon (T Stephenson, 7-1); 2, Against The Agent; 3, Le Loubec. 10 ran. Open Mdn (Div I, part II): 1, Lilac Time (Dr P Pritchard, 4-5 fav); 2, Reply; 3, Lady Romance. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part I): 1, My Harvinski (E Williams, 3-1); 2, Cruise A Hoop; 3, River Sunset. 10 ran. Open Mdn (Div II, part II): 1, Quick Quick Sloe (Miss T Cave, 2-1); 2, Westcote Lad; 3, Penlerth. 11 ran.

LLANDEILO FARMERS (Erw Lon). Hunt: 1, Grecian Dancer (D S Jones, 2-1); 2, Sea Search. Only 2 finished. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Gold Diver (Miss P Jones, 2-1); 2, Rocket Run; 3, Moving Force. 5 ran. Open: 1, Royal Saxon (D Duggan, 4-5 jt-fav); 2, Daisy Miller. Only 2 finished. 2 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones, 2-5 fav); 2, Legal Picnic; 3, Mount Falcon. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Medieval Queen (Miss A Meakins, 12-1); 2, Proud Drifter; 3, Cottage Raider. 8 ran. PPOA: 1, Lucky Ole Son (Miss P Jones, 6-1), finished alone. 3 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Priory Rose (T Jackson, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Oaklands Word; 3, Touchet. 10 ran.

MINEHEAD (Holnicote). Hunt: 1, Serious *Time (J Scott, 11-10); 2, Southerly* Buster. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Belfry Lad (Miss S Vickery, 3-1); 2, Four Leaf Clover; 3, Miss Pernickity. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Fosbury (Miss P Curling, 1-4 fav); 2, My Mellow Man; 3, Ramrod. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Larky McIlroy (Miss S Vickery, 5-1); 2, Caundle Steps; 3, Alex Thuscombe. 7 ran. Open: 1, Rapid Rascal (R Treloggen, 5-2); 2, Silvercross Lad; 3, Charmers Wish. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Desert Waltz (Miss P Curling, 1-4 fav); 2, Red Is The Rose; 3, Coral Harbour. 4 ran.

SURREY UNION (Peper Harow): Hunt: 1, Kil Kil Gale (P Bull, 4-6 fav); 2, Milbird. Only 2 finished. 2 ran. Rest: 1, Redelva (Miss C Holliday, 8-11 fav), 2, Second *Time Round. Only 2 finished.* 2 ran. Open: 1, Vultoro (T Underwood, 11-8 fav), finished alone. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Madam Advocate (Miss S Duckett, 1-3 fav); 2, Skinnhill; 3, Cock-Of-The-Rock. 6 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Souldan (A Hickman, 12-1); 2, Deep Kash. Only 2 finished. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Sky Venture (P Bull, 4-7 fav), 2, Falside, 3, Merlyns Choice. 3 ran.

TEDWORTH (Barbury Castle): Hunt: 1, See You There (M Portman, 1-2 fav); 2, Arnold's Choice; 3, Chaly Lad. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Another Miracle (Miss J Waites, 14-1): 2, Tom Furze; 3, Game Fair. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Kings Wild (Miss M Bentham, 4-5 jt-fav); 2, The City Minstrel. *Only 2* finished. 2 ran. Open: 1, Ulano (C Bennett, 1-2 fav), *finished alone.* 2 *ran.* Open Mdn: 1, Steel Dance (G Burton, 5-4): 2, Just Ballytoo. Only 2 finished. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Granville Grill (J Deutsch, 2-5 fav); 2, Mr Mayfair, 3, Standaway. 4 ran.

TETCOTT (Lifton): Confined: 1, Just My Bill (C Heard, 4-7 fav), 2, Moorland Abbot; 3, Sancreed. 5 ran. Mdn: 1, Aristocratic Gold (Miss J Sleep, 5-2); 2, Miss Kenmac; 3, Jolly Sensible. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Fly The Wind (Miss L *Blackford, 4-11 fav*); 2, *Sweet On Willie.* Only 2 finished. 2 ran. Open: 1, Stoke Hand (C Heard, 6-4); 2, Anjubi; 3, Chandigarh. 4 ran. Intermediate: 1, Light The Bay (A Wornacott, 4-7 fav); 2, Tregale. Only 2 finished. 2 ran. Rest: 1, Quarrin Lodge (T Greed, 4-1); 2, Generous Scot; 3, Roses in May. 7 ran.

VALE OF AYLESBURY (Kingston Blount): Confined: 1, Sunshine Manor (G Tarry, 4-11 fav); 2, Arise. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Rest: 1, A Windy Citizen (R Hicks, 2-1); 2, Sperm View; 3, Twilight Saint. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Icky's Five (Miss T Habgood, 6-1); 2, Larry The Lamb; 3, Angel Fare. 7 ran. Open: 1, Roc De Prince (P Scouller, 10-11 fav); 2, Saybright; 3, Gentleman's Jig. 3 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Professor Longhair (R Hicks, 4-1); 2, Tempered Point. Only 2 finished. 10 ran. Hunt: 1, Four Rivers (R Lawther, 7-4); 2, Arble March. Only 2 finished. 2 ran.

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Nemesis at Alton Towers

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New this summer is the Energizer, which gives the 48 riders in each "raft" the unforgettable simulated experience of being in a Force 9 gale as they pitch, roll and lunge in every direction— thanks to the power of the double-jointed hydraulic pistons controlling it all.

Alton Towers' rollercoaster Nemesis, which opened last summer, takes riders on the *outside* of the loop as they experience about four seconds of weightlessness. The Thunder Looper can go from 0 to 60 miles an hour in 2.3 seconds, half a second faster than a McLaren Formula 1 racing car, while the Corkscrew subjects riders to up to three times the force of gravity as they go through two 360-degree loops.

The park has many other attractions for families. New this year is a pet park, Old MacDonald's Farm, where children can see pigs, lambs, cows, chickens and other animals close up. The Doodle Doo Derby is an old-fashioned carousel on which children can ride on their favourite farm animal, which makes the appropriate sound when a button is pushed. Families can tour the farm on the new Tractor Ride.

Alton Towers
North Staffordshire, ST10 4DB.
Telephone: 01538 702200.
9am-6.30pm. June 9am-8pm (weekends) July 9am-8pm.
Admission: Adult £16.50
Child (under 14) £12.50.
North: M1 - Junct 23A; M6 - Junct 15.
South: M1 - Junct 28; M6 - Junct 16.

CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES

There are real animals in Chessington's Animal Lands themed areas. The park was originally Chessington Zoo until an £18 million refit in 1987 turned it into the south's leading outdoor leisure attraction. Rare and endangered species, such as the Oryx antelope, snow leopards and Sumatran tigers, and many species of birds and primates can be seen in landscaped enclosures reflecting their natural habitat, while the Sealion Pool is the UK's biggest, holding more than one million gallons of water.

Wax reminders: Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette

Chessington has developed themed areas that include the Forbidden Kingdom, Transylvania, the Mystic East and Calamity Canyon.

Top rollercoaster is the Vampire ride in Transylvania which mimics the flight of a bat as it flies above the rooftops and dives underground. Opening next month is the terrifying Rameses' Revenge, with a three way fear factor of height, speed and water. Also new is the Seastorm, a ride around an ancient shipwreck.

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Chessington, Surrey KT9 2NE.
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Rock Circus in the heart of London takes visitors through pop and rock from the 1950s to the present day with lifelike models and memorabilia.

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Rock Circus
London Pavilion, 1 Piccadilly Circus, London W1V 9LA.
Telephone: 0171 734 8025
11am to 9pm.
Admission: Adult £7.50
Child (under 16) £5.50.
Underground station: Piccadilly Circus or Leicester Square.

WARWICK CASTLE

The English Tourist Board's 1994 Visitor Attraction of the Year, Warwick Castle is situated beside the River Avon. It has been owned by Tussauds since 1977 when it was acquired from the Earl of Warwick. An outstanding collection of furnishings, paintings, tapestries and armour is displayed, including many of the personal belongings of Elizabeth I, Marie Antoinette and Oliver Cromwell (including his death mask).

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Other attractions include an award-winning exhibition in the former private apartments, "A Royal Weekend Party in 1898", which recreates a house party with guests who include the then Prince of Wales and a young Winston Churchill. Throughout the summer there are special events in the gardens and grounds, such as the medieval weekend on June 24/25 which includes jousting and falconry.

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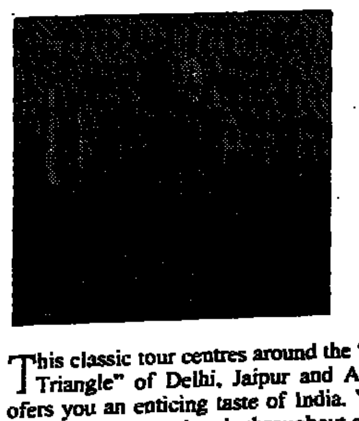

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John O'Leary explains how The Times Good University Guide will help students to make the best informed choice

Tactics for keeping on course

JEZ COULSON/INSIGHT

Cap and gown to the fore as graduates leave the degree-conferring ceremony at Westminster University last summer

Winning a university place will be slightly more difficult this year, as more candidates chase the same number of vacancies. When the dust settles at the end of September, all those with reasonable A levels will have found a place somewhere, but many will be disappointed with their final destination.

Whatever the fluctuations in the overall number of applications, competition for admission to the leading courses remains intense. Over the next five days, *The Good University Guide* will offer some pointers to where those programmes are to be found and how to maximise your chances of success.

There may be only marginally more applicants vying for the 270,000 undergraduate places funded by the Government, but the top courses were already under pressure. On many, entrance requirements have been rising steadily and show no sign of easing.

The Good University Guide was conceived almost four years ago on the premise that both students and employers would become more selective, and the evidence is already there. Institutional titles may have been standardised (other than in the frustrated higher education colleges), but few academics would pretend that all degrees are still of equal quality or value.

Last year, as a single applications system was introduced for most British higher education, prospective students flocked to the famous civic universities and began to desert some of the new universities and colleges. The clearing system eventually redistributed students around the sector, but their initial choices showed that applicants were reading the signals of the new higher education market.

Employers who once travelled the length and breadth of Britain seeking the best recruits, now focus their attention on the top centres for particular subjects. The Milk Round is declining rapidly, and with it some of the cosier assumptions about the extent to which any degree is an automatic passport to employment.

In such circumstances, the decision about where to spend your undergraduate years becomes even more important. For the next five days, *The Times* will offer some pointers on the higher education scene, which is examined in greater depth in a paperback version of *The Good University Guide*.

As well as reporting on the precarious state of student finances and offering advice on applications, the series will identify the top-rated departments in a number of subjects; it will also take a special look at Oxford and Cambridge and examine the changing face of higher education nationally.

The guide will feature *The Times* ranking of universities, but its emphasis is switching to a closer examination of individual subjects as more information becomes available on which to base comparisons. Official assessments of teaching standards have been carried out in more than 1,000 departments. Tomorrow we will list all those awarded the maximum score, while on Thursday the guide picks out the top departments in a dozen subjects. Universities and colleges now publish more information than ever about themselves. The guide attempts to bring together the key indicators and make them accessible to readers who might not know of their existence.

The information and advice offered over the next five days should help prospective students to narrow the field and lead on to more detailed inquiries. A guide of this sort can never answer all the relevant questions or show which is the most suitable course for an individual applicant.

The methods used to compile the rankings have continued to evolve in the past 12 months, as academics have become more ready to engage in detailed debate on the project. For the first time, all universities have agreed to check at least some of the data used to compile the tables.

At the same time, the model is being adapted in other parts of the world. University rankings already appeared in the United States and Canada. Now a number of other countries, including Denmark and Singapore, are considering following suit.

The British university system has also continued to evolve. Abertay University Dundee became the latest addition to the sector after winning government approval to change its name from the Dundee Institute of Technology. In England, however, ministers called at least a temporary halt to the acquisition of university titles.

Some changes, such as the mushrooming of modular degrees, now look unstoppable. But others, including the admission of the extra students sought by the universities, hinge on the outcome of the higher education review ordered by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary.

For those wanting to enter a university either this year or next, the assumption must be that there will be no more places available. The brakes may come off in 1997, but not before.

How the class of '93 fared in the world of higher education

Ben Preston has charted the progress of three students

Claire Fieldsend at Cambridge

RUSSELL BATTEN has abandoned higher education to take his chances in the job market. He quit halfway through a two-year hotel and catering diploma course at the University of Brighton, disappointed that it failed to live up to his own expectations or the promotional brochures.

While other members of the Class of '93 — which is being tracked by *The Times* — enjoyed their second year of university life, Russell grew increasingly frustrated. Russell, 20, formerly at Trinity School, an independent school in Croydon, found the course too rigid, a problem which came to a head during a six-month work placement at an hotel.

He explains: "I took advice from my school, careers people and looked at the syllabuses and prospectuses and they all made out the hotel and leisure industry to be really wonderful. But when it came down to it the course was less than flexible. You soon became typecast and had to choose specialist training which limited your options." Rather than being able to sample the variety of hotel work, Russell says he was simply expected to pick an area and stick with it.

Russell knows he took a calculated risk in leaving. Although he admits that he picked the wrong subject, he understands that the pace of university expansion over the last decade has made it increasingly difficult for non-graduates to persuade employers to take them on. "At the moment I am temping, mostly office work. It might have helped to have got my diploma but even then I would have to have done a menial hotel job for two years before I was in a position to apply for a junior management post."

☐ TARA BARKER is at a "transitional phase" as she revises hard for politics examinations that will count towards her final degree class at Bristol University. As a single mother with a young son, Tara is pleased that she has settled easily into academic life.

Tara, 34, decided to become a mature student with an eye to getting a degree to boost her career prospects beyond freelancing as a journalist for her local radio station. She was won over by a successful first year's study and was originally tempted by the thought of staying on to do postgraduate research.

But the shadow of finance has loomed larger in her second year and she now has doubts. The increased academic demands of her course have also limited opportunities to supplement her income during term-time. Tara explains: "I'm not so sure about research now and am just concentrating on these exams. I did go to the careers library at the beginning of term just to see what there was. But I'm going to leave looking for a job until next term."

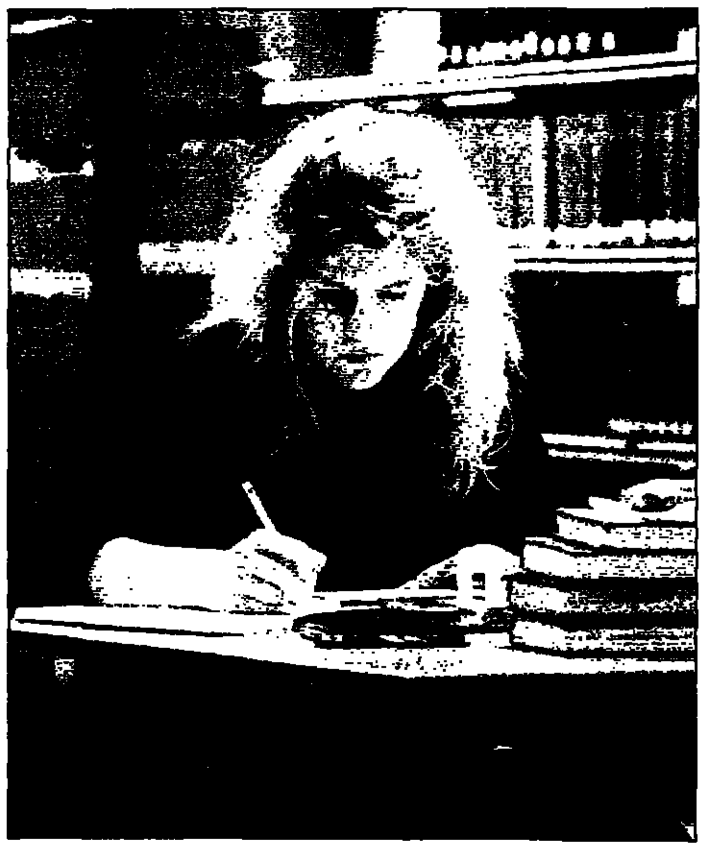
☐ CLAIRE FIELDSEND has forgotten all of the reservations she had as a hesitant state school applicant to Oxbridge. She is delighting in life at Cambridge and is pleased with her decision to study French and Italian at Robinson College.

Claire, 20, spent last summer brushing up her Italian at the British Institute in Florence, Easter with friends in Milan and is now looking forward to a year abroad in France as part of her course. She says: "I'm hoping to get a place teaching English conversation in a French school. But it means I'm going to have to work this summer to save up."

Russell Batten dropped out

Tara Barker, mature student

Making an informed choice


After winning your place the hard slog really begins

If parents thought the most difficult decision they had to make over their children's career was finding the right school for them it is likely they have yet to confront the issue of university entrance. Although the more enlightened would accept the need for their offspring to make their own decision, the temptation to intervene must be enormous, especially when it is clear to all but the child that his approach to the issue is like that of a kamikaze pilot's to a US battleship. There is a thin line between helpful support and open interference.

Not the least challenge that applicants and parents face is what the prospects are of gaining admission. On one level it's simple: the basic A-level entry requirement for most diploma courses is one E grade. Even if you wish to take a degree, many colleges of higher education and even universities would be pleased to welcome you with a couple of Ds.

Such examples illustrate the danger of accepting the often-heard claim that it is so difficult to get into university these days. One of the benefits of the transformation of higher education from being the privilege of an elite to the destination of nearly one in three of all those over 18 is that its doors have opened to people who may not have distinguished themselves at school.

The variety of provision means that at one end of the spectrum the so-called "twitch factor" may be in operation: that is, any applicant who shows signs of life at interview is guaranteed a place. At the other, competition is such that one degree course had 2,929 applications for 92 places last year.

There have been well publicised cases of exceptionally well qualified applicants being rejected by all the institutions to which they applied. Those applying to such high-demand courses often assume that an offer will inevitably come, provided A-level predictions or results match those of the declared standard of entry. Evidence suggests that meeting the entrance requirement may be only the first of several criteria that must be met before an offer is guaranteed. So how should an applicant, faced with these challenges, approach the task of making the right choices?

The best way to make a decision is to start not so much with the specific course in which you are interested, but the category into which it falls. These may be divided into, first, science and engineering and, secondly, humanities and social science courses. The Government has recently cut the grant it supplies for the latter, in a crude (and it would appear still unsuccessful) attempt to stifle demand for entry to them.

This has forced up their entry standards, which it should be remembered have generally been a reflection of the demand for rather than the quality of a course. The demand becomes especially acute in the area of "single" as opposed to "joint" or "combined" honours. So, for example, competition for entry to "single honours" English is usually that much more severe than an English and Philosophy or Combined Arts course.

The trick is to ensure that, if you are going for a very high demand course, you do not make the mistake of applying for equally popular universities in all six spaces on your UCAS form. If you do, the "kamikaze syndrome" starts to operate, and tears are invariably the result. One of the more interesting developments recently has been the steady emergence of a "premier division".

Now that the market is becoming more aware of the new divisions in higher education, we are starting to see a growing disparity between the standards of entry for the same course at different universities. The entrance standards of the traditionally lower demand courses like Physics and Chemistry appear to be rising in those universities that are pulling away from the rest in their research rankings, so it may be as difficult to gain admission to University X to read physics as it is to read history at University Y.

All this may not make the task of selecting a course and university any easier for applicants, but it does mean that research rankings and university league tables will soon play as important a part in selection of university as they already do for schools.

In conclusion, we have entered an age when higher education has become accessible to a very wide cross-section of society — from the working parent with few qualifications to the 18-year-old with a string of excellent A levels. By the turn of the century, I envisage an elite group of between 15 and 20 universities to which competition for entry across the full range of courses will be very fierce. The rest will be competing for scarce resources and packing students in to less desirable courses.

Consequently, careers advisers are shortly going to have to reassess the long established notion that choice of course should have priority over choice of institution for the applicant. The challenge of gaining admission to higher education is really no longer an issue and is being replaced by that of which course, but soon above all which university, will offer you a place.

GRAHAM LACEY

● *The author is head of careers at Sevenoaks School.*

HOW TO CATCH AN ADMISSIONS TUTOR'S EYE

What is written in the personal statement on the UCAS form can make or break an applicant's chances of being given an offer. Here are some tips:

1. Try to convince the admissions tutor that you are fully committed to studying for his or her course by:

☐ Outlining how sixth-form studies have influenced your choice.

☐ Describing the work experience you have had, if relevant to the course. This is particularly important if you are applying for a vocational course, such as law or medicine.

2. Briefly outline your extracurricular interests, again especially if they are relevant to an applied course.

3. Show your general enthusiasm for the university, and life in general; it can be *infectious*.

4. Do make sure you write clearly and legibly, and spell correctly.

How to find a place at college

Applicants, your time is almost up

Latecomers looking for a higher education place this autumn have little more than a month to make their choices if they want to use the central admissions system, *John O'Leary writes*. After June 30, they will have to take their chance in the post-A level scramble known as clearing.

Most of the users of this guide will be thinking about entry in 1996, however. They have the rest of the year to mull over the options, although most applicants like everything settled well before the official deadline of December 15. Oxford and Cambridge have an earlier deadline of October 15. Applications are made to colleges, rather than the central universities.

The first step for all prospective students is to get a copy of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service handbook, which is sent to all secondary schools, colleges and public libraries. They are also available direct from UCAS, PO Box 28, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3SA. This year's candidates can apply to eight universities or colleges. The number will be reduced to six for entry in 1996.

Nothing will happen to an application for next year until the beginning of September. But some experts see an advantage in getting in early to ensure the maximum possible choice and to be at the top of the pile when admissions tutors start work.

Those who miss the December deadline may still submit an application to UCAS, but universities are not obliged to give them equal consideration. Some courses may be full, and admissions tutors for the most popular programmes are likely to make offers only to outstanding applicants. It is also advisable to make the earliest possible application for a grant from your local authority or the Scottish Education Department.

Most degree courses entitle students to a mandatory award, as well as a student loan. Many students have been kept waiting for both in the past year.

All universities welcome visits from prospective students and most organise open days but interviews have become less common in recent years.

From November onwards admissions tutors will make conditional offers based on A-level points to those still to sit their examinations. Others will either be made firm offers of a place on the basis of existing qualifications, or be rejected and left with the option of a further application through clearing.

Those with a number of offers will have to choose two to hold by May 15. UCAS will assume that applicants who miss this deadline have rejected all offers of a place.

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Political dance of the student grant

Extracurricular work: some students take to the duster . . .

Most MPs accept that graduates must contribute to their own education. So why, wonders **Ben Preston**, don't they say so?

Higher education is no longer a cheap and easy option taken at the taxpayers' expense. Students are having to shoulder more and more of the financial burden.

People starting university this September will owe an estimated £5,000 to the Student Loans Company alone by the time they graduate. Many will be saddled with even greater debts unless they take part-time work or rely on generous parents. The maintenance grant, once the mainstay of students' personal finance, is being slashed by the government by 10 per cent each year and now rarely covers the cost of hall fees.

Rising student debt and growing disquiet among academics at the army of students moonlighting to make ends meet are testament to the necessity of reform. The hunt is on for alternatives to the loan system that allows students to borrow up to £1,375 a year, repayable over five years, and the dwindling grant, which will be worth less than £2,000 from September.

Graduate tax is the policy that politicians dare not speak of. But there is an unspoken consensus across Westminster that the creaking, bewildering system of financing students with loans and grants — supplemented, of course, by bank overdrafts, term-time jobs and parents — is beyond salvage.

Similarly, there is remarkable agreement in private that any replacement should be based on the principle that students pay back more of the cost of their higher education after graduation.

But the big question remains: which — if any — of the important players will risk putting their plans to the public before the next general election?

The stakes are already high and will increase further as the competition for votes intensifies. The main parties are all currently undertaking policy reviews. Each is wary of any policy change that generates headlines about a "new tax on learning".

It is the creation of a mass higher education, with the doubling of student numbers in the last eight years, that made change both essential and more difficult to achieve. The State can no longer afford to pay generous grants and underwrite tuition fees. But politicans are loath to risk antagonising one million students or alarming countless millions who now aspire to a university place.

Surprisingly, the National Union of Students has plucked up the courage to consider change. In defiance of left-wingers demanding demonstrations and sit-ins for the restoration of 1979 grant levels — which would double the present cost of student support to nearly £3 billion — the union authorised a rapid review of alternatives to the present financial support system at its conference in Blackpool last month.

Insiders said they wanted the review to push for "realistic altruism". It would seek politically credible ways of helping more students at a cost the country can afford. Options under consideration include: extra income tax on those who have benefited from higher or further education, and low-interest loans covering either living or some tuition costs which would be repayable through tax or national insurance contributions.

Jim Murphy, the NUS president, describes the exercise as an attempt to strengthen policy and deliver real change for the majority of students: "There is a real need for a direct student imput into all these policy reviews. Never before have students been able to shape future education policy."

Labour almost "came out" in favour of a graduate tax last summer. Jeff Rooker, MP for Perry Barr, was sacked as the party's higher education spokesman after the late John Smith had a last-minute attack of nerves and stopped publication of a green paper advocating student charges.

The party under Tony Blair appears to be bracing itself for a second attempt. Labour is considering similar plans to make graduates repay loans for some of their tuition and living costs once their incomes exceed a certain threshold, which would probably be well above the current £14,500 cut-off point that applies for the current loans system.

Significantly, when reports of Labour's review surfaced earlier this year, Tim Boswell, the Higher Education minister, praised his political opponents instead of feasting upon their discomfort: "I welcome the fact that the Opposition has at last realised that funding in higher education is an issue which must be addressed."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, former Education Minister and plain-speaker for the Tory Right, was franker. He said it was "inevitable whatever party was in power" that with one in three 18-year-olds going to university, they must pay back more of the cost.

. . . while others work in catering to supplement their grants

Making ends meet

Jobcentres at campuses are offering some part-time work

Universities nationwide are being inundated with requests for term-time jobs by students unable to manage on their grants.

More than 40 universities now have campus jobcentres to help to provide part-time employment for students during study years. The offices also have the beneficial side-effect of giving the institution some control over the type and amount of extra work students do during the term.

The college centres, advertising both internal and city-wide vacancies such as catering, envelope-stuffing and even snow-shovelling, are fast becoming a means of supplementing the annual £2,400 a year grant, which is to be reduced by a further 10 per cent in September.

"Demand to find both term-time and vacation work has grown exponentially," said John Sander, who manages the Student Employment Office (SEO) at Sussex University, which has dealt with more than 4,500 students since it opened 18 months ago. "Under the current financial conditions many students now say that without a job to implement their studies they have to make the choice between buying a textbook or buying something to eat."

Sussex has 12,000 students, and the employment service, which is university-funded, deals with 70 inquiries a day. The SEO advertises both internal and external vacancies, and attempts to match the student's requirements to the those of the potential employer. "Where universities once used external employment agencies, they now use their own students, and Sussex jobcentres send us details of any seasonal, part-time or temporary work. We've been used by around 4,000 students, but there are never going to be enough places," said Mr Sander.

While the university guidelines stipulate a maximum 15 paid working hours a week on top of study, the choice is ultimately that of the student.

At Leeds Metropolitan University, which has 10,000 full-time and 10,000 part-time students, the campus employment manager, Wendy Jones, said that many students had told her they could not continue their course without help from the service.

"They will do anything from snow-shovelling and envelope-stuffing to translation jobs and photography. Demand is growing all the time and I don't think the situation will get any better." Ms Jones places about 40 per cent of the 300-400 students who make inquiries every week, but some of the jobs may only last a few days.

She added that students were not exploited by employers taking advantage of their desperation. "I have not dealt with any jobs that are offering less than £3 an hour, and most are giving £4 or more," said Ms Jones.

Steve Hail, NUS treasurer, said: "Students are dropping out of education because they simply can't afford it. Student jobcentres are a good idea, but they do not address the basic issue of funding."

Mr Sander: "The bottom line is that for many students, having a job during their studies makes the difference between staying at university and going on the dole."

KATHRYN KNIGHT

No time to study with creditors at the door

Debt is a subject for all students

Sometimes, usually at three o'clock in the morning, I wonder whether the most useful skill I've learnt at university is how to write outraged letters and fill in endless application forms. The Nineties student does not get money from a single source; he has to complete student grant forms, student loans forms, access fund forms, bank loan forms, bank overdraft forms, job application forms and council tax rebate forms.

And just when you think this ritual of form-filling is over, another one arrives, usually from your friendly Local Educational Authority.

My finals are now just two weeks away and I am in the form-filling home straight. But I discovered last week that the interest on my parents' mortgage has gone up by five shillings and sixpence. As a result a whopping £107 has been sliced off my final grant cheque.

Not only does this mean I cannot afford to pay my rent, but it also obliges me to fill in a form, write an angry letter and make a series of offensive phone calls at a time when I should be be panicking about my exams.

My parents, their accountant and their building society manager also have to fill in a sheet of forms, write angry letters, make tedious phone calls and photocopy lots of P60s for the financial sleuths at Staffordshire Student Grant Service.

Financing these halcyon days of studenthood requires extraordinary tolerance to circumvent the red tape. The problem has been compounded since the advent of the Student Loans Company and college access fund.

Even before you get to university you have to climb onto the merry-go-round of applying for the pittance. It would make a lot more sense to combine all the applications into a single form.

The National Union of Students recently voted to drop its long-standing "no loans" policy and to set up a working group to look at the possibilities of a graduate tax which students would pay as a percentage of their salary once they had a job. I'm in favour of this for a whole range of reasons, not least because it would reduce the time wasted chasing up various sources of finance.

Chris Hack, 26, who graduated last summer from the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University, believes the grants and loans system is a farce but concedes that the hurdles it forces students to jump can be useful. "I worked for four years before I went to university so my grant was assessed independently of my parents. I was supposed to be studying but instead I was worrying about money. And every few months or so the process started all over again."

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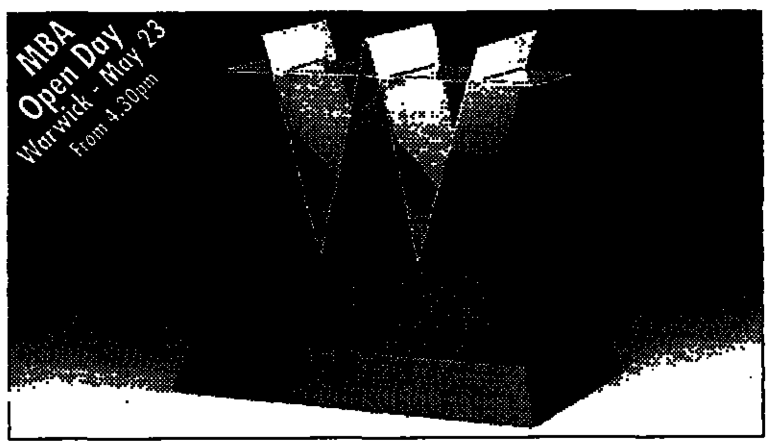

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by NICK DAWS

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Liz Gill takes a close look at the vast disparities in library provision being made in different schools

Check the shelf-life of your library

NEWS TEAM BIRMINGHAM

Pupils making good use of the King Edward VI School library at Lichfield

When the Sharpe family went to look at secondary schools for their eldest son, Gordon, one of the key considerations was the quality of the library.

Their choice of the Thomas Alleyne School in Stevenage, a mixed comprehensive with more than 700 pupils, was vindicated last week when Gordon's mother, Laura, measured it against a new checklist compiled by the Library Association and officially launched today as part of the Library Power campaign.

Its aim is to give parents a way of assessing the resources and services available to their children both at school and in their local public library. Those who find their facilities score well will be reassured; those who fare badly will, the association hopes, be able to use the information to press for change.

Mrs Sharpe found both school and local facilities got good ratings. "The school library is new and purpose-built and it's well stocked, especially with new fiction. Children seem to want to use it.

"I work here as a volunteer one morning a week so finding the answers was easy. If I'd gone in cold to my other childrens' primary school, though, it might have seemed a bit impertinent. And I'm not sure about everything on the questionnaire. Does one really need to replace 10 per cent of stock every year?"

Research specially commissioned for the campaign, which hopes to focus attention on the need for services to young people, claims to have unearthed serious shortfalls. The survey, which covered 66,000 children in 100 UK locations, found that services and resources were sub-standard in 75 per cent of cases.

Only 20 per cent of secondary school libraries, for example, have the recommended 13 resource items per pupil; only 15 per cent replace their total stock every ten years or less: and only one in seven public libraries is now open for more than 45 hours a week. There were also great disparities: one inner London school, for instance, spent only 55p a head on books while one in Dorset spent £16.

Some children find themselves caught in a pincer movement between cuts in public services and tighter school budgets. Bernadette King fears this may be the case for her 11-year-old son Kwende, now in his last year at South Harringay Junior School in north London. Although the school did reasonably well, scoring mostly good or fair the local library is a major concern.

"It's been cut so drastically it's now only open one long day and one short day during the week and on Saturdays, which throws even more emphasis on to the schools," Mrs King says. "They're often the the only places where children have access to the information they need, especially in a poor area where there might not be books at home."

Although Harringay Junior subscribes to the School Library Service, the subsequent good score in that category would, she says, be misleading. "That's been cut every year, so even as the demands on it grow there are fewer and fewer staff to help the teachers."

Anne Lingwood, whose son James, 17, and daughter Amy, 14, attend King Edward VI School in Lichfield, has some reservations about the checklist. "I would prefer to see a couple more categories in the ratings. Good, fair and poor is a rather stark choice and there was nothing about the actual content though I accept that might be rather difficult."

Mrs Lingwood, who has just completed a year as president of the Parents' Association at the 1,300-pupil comprehensive says its two-year-old library resource centre scored well on everything but the number of items per pupil.

"When I thought about it logically, though, I wasn't particularly bothered about that ranking. With a school this size the higher figure would mean an awful lot of books and an awful lot of space. I feel the library is well-stocked and certainly well-used. You only get waiting lists for the most popular books like *Point Horror* or at the moment for something on Hitler when everyone's doing a project on the war.

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LIBRARY POWER PARENTS' CHECKLIST

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Part-time librarian or 50 per cent of teacher's time? .. fair
No librarian at all? .... poor
Open more than 41 hours a week? .... good
31-40 hours a week? .... fair (good for primary)
Less than 31 hours? .... poor
Replace more than 10 per cent of its stock every year? good
Any target at all? .... fair
No target? .... poor
Have a total stock of 13 or more items a pupil? .... good
10-12 items a pupil? .... fair
Fewer than ten items? .... poor
Have computer workstations in the library for children to use?
More than five? .... good
Two to four? .... fair
Fewer than two? .... poor
Have a development plan for the library or plan to introduce one?
Yes .... good
No .... poor
Involve library staff in teaching information skills?
Yes .... good
No .... poor

Subscribe to the School Library Service?
Yes .... good
No .... poor
Is there a public library within 20 minutes' walk of your house or does a mobile stop once a fortnight?
Yes .... good
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Yes .... fair
No .... poor
Is that public library open more than 45 hours a week?
.... good
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No .... poor
Does it have three or more of the following?
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Yes .... good
No .... poor

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Budget row deepens

Schools pushed to provide services

THE FURORE over the squeeze on school budgets is about to resurface. The Government's refusal fully to fund this year's 2.7 per cent teachers' pay increase triggered a succession of votes on strike action at the teaching unions' Easter conferences.

The issue, which inspired thousands of protesters to march through London last term, has fallen out of the headlines, but probably not for long. The final position of individual school budgets will soon become clear, with redundancy procedures likely before half-term. The willingness of ordinary teachers to match the angry conference speeches of colleagues with words will soon be tested in ballots by two of the three main classroom unions.

In the meantime, the responses of individual schools to their funding difficulties are being marshalled as evidence of a crisis in state education by government critics. In Oxfordshire, one secondary school in Bicester has threatened to introduce a four-day week for some pupils. Last week Glenmoor School for Girls in Bournemouth, Dorset, ordered dinner ladies into the breach as it could not afford to pay for qualified supply teachers needed during the examination season.

Pam Orchard, the head teacher, insisted that funding cuts left her no option but to draft in school meals staff to take charge of revision classes, where teachers were involved with oral exams and overseeing written exams. Mrs Orchard said the school's budget simply did not stretch to employing supply teachers.

The move, however, has threatened to break up the coalition of parents, teachers and governors which at national level has put such pressure on ministers. Margaret Morrissey, a former chairman of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, described the situation as "a sad indictment of poor education funding". Vince Allen, district spokesman for the National Union of Teachers, said: "This is probably illegal. Revision is an interactive process, and teachers are heavily involved."

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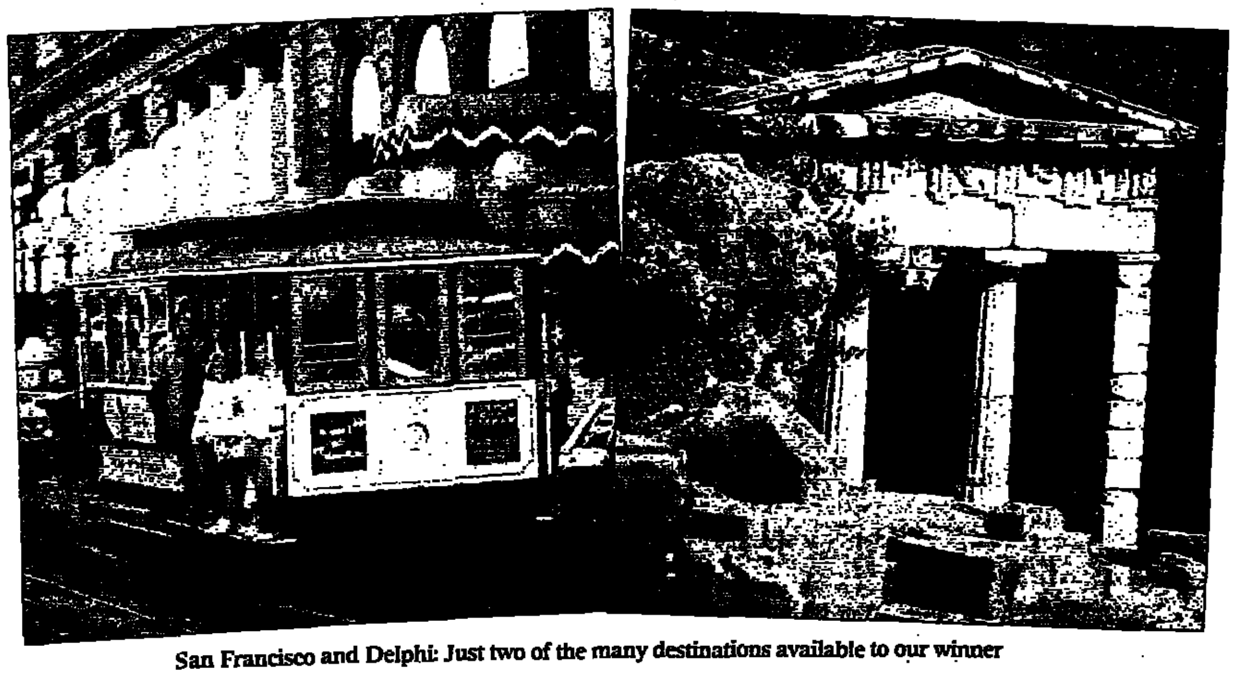

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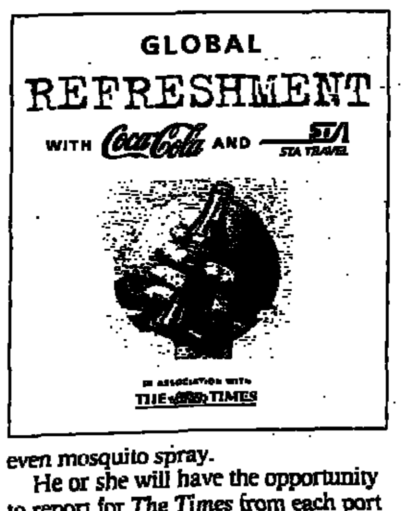

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Little by little, discipline in the classroom has been eroded

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In spite of all the upheavals in our education system over the past ten years and despite rising crime, juvenile deliquency and the spread of drugs, the great majority of our schools are havens of security, good order and happiness. It is to these qualities, as much as to the curriculum and examination successes, that parents refer when they are asked to define what they expect from schools.

The fact that schools continue to meet parents' expectations owes much to professional skill and good management and even more to bluff, because the disciplinary framework which sustains what is, in reality, a fragile edifice, has been gradually and imperceptibly undermined, not by deliberate intent, but by a succession of legal and social changes.

Before the situation deteriorates further, we should look closely at what has happened, and establish a new charter for our schools, which will define the relationships between parents, pupils and schools, emphasising the responsibilities as well as the rights of all those involved.

The undermining of the authority of schools manifests itself in a variety of ways, many of which arise from changes in society at large, where respect for authority of any kind has diminished, where the right to complain has been institutionalised and where the personal and social problems of the individual often carry more weight than the promotion of collective wellbeing. None of these factors is necessarily damaging in a civilised society, provided that the means exist to maintain a balance between conflicting interests. It is that balance which is threatened in our schools.

It is threatened when teachers are physically assaulted by parents or pupils and their assailants go unpunished. It is threatened when local authorities direct the readmission of pupils, excluded for serious offences, such as possession of drugs, violence and continuous disruption. It is threatened when schools are told that they exclude too many pupils, without any reference to criteria or the provision of alternative sanctions. It is threatened when the Department for Education advises schools, as it did last year that "where any detention imposed is a reasonable response to a disciplinary incident [*and where the parents have not expressly withdrawn their permission*], the courts have upheld teachers' right to use detention as a punishment".

The balance is undermined when a school is directed to admit a pupil with an appalling record and cannot even appeal against the decision because it is based on the parent's choice. These things are not happening everywhere or every day, but they are occurring with increasing frequency and, where they do occur, their impact on the morale of heads and teachers and on the ethos of their schools is immediate and damaging. To restore the balance requires no major reforms, but a reinforcement of existing law and minor changes in others. Much of what is needed is already in place. Governing bodies already have the discretionary power to set a disciplinary policy for their schools. This should be mandatory. Every governing body should, after consultation with parents, teachers and pupils, set out the principles upon which the discipline of the school are based. The school rules, which are the responsibility of the head, will conform to those principles. Both should be published in the school's prospectus.

The prospectus should then be regarded as a contract between the school and parents and pupils, to be respected on both sides. In exercising the right to choose the school, a parent accepts the terms of the contract.

Persistent breach on either side would end in withdrawal or exclusion, both subject to appropriate appeal procedures. These appeal procedures already exist, but they do not always operate well. What is lacking is proper guidance to those who sit on appeals panels on the governing criteria.

Some changes in the law are needed to underpin the contractual structure. The right of schools to operate detentions and other reasonable sanctions needs to be asserted and the right of parents to choose a school needs to be limited after a pupil has been permanently excluded on two occasions within a two-year period.

The existing law needs to be enforced in respect of the local authority's duty to provide education other than at school and inspection of such provision should be a regular task for Ofsted.

Guidance should be given to the police and to the Crown Prosecution Service that any assault upon a teacher, whether causing actual bodily harm or not, should be vigorously prosecuted and schools should be supported in dealing with unwanted trespassers.

A Schools' Charter, embodying these recommendations, would provide a proper balance to the Parent's Charter and do much to reinforce the foundations of civilised order.

● *The author is general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association.*

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Abacus Group, API Group, Ashbourne, Diploma, Fenner, Flying Flowers (Q1), Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust, Huntingdon International Holdings.
Finals: Fine Decor, Herring Baker Harris Group, London Smaller Co's IT.
Economic statistics: Producer price index numbers (April).

TOMORROW

Interims: Allied Domecq, Anglo Irish Bank Corporation, BOC Group, Hanson, Sedgwick Group (Q1), UPF Group, Western Selection.
Finals: Abbeycrest, Baring Stratton Investment Trust, Edinburgh Investment Trust, Hartlepool Water, National Power, Raglan Properties, Slam Selective Growth, Westbury.
Economic statistics: Acquisitions and mergers (Q1), construction — new orders (March), analysis of bank lending to UK residents (Q1).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Baggeridge Brick, J Bibby & Sons, Commercial Union (Q1), Fleming Indian Investment Trust, Greenalls Group, RM.
Finals: Fleming Euro Fledgeling, Greycoat, New Throgmorton.
Economic statistics: Public sector borrowing requirement (April), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (April — provisional); average earnings indices (March — provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes; includes long-term unemployment (quarterly analysis of unemployment by age and duration) (April), minutes of April 5 meeting between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England.

THURSDAY

Interims: BMG Charles Sidney, British Gas (Q1), Burton Group, Capital Radio, Compass Group, Concentric, Morgan Grenfell Equity, Overseas Investment Trust, Scottish Radio Holdings, Shaftesbury, Tomkinsons, Trafalgar House.
Finals: Airflow Streamlines, British Telecom, Ferguson Intl Holdings, Fine Art Developments, First Ireland Investment Trust, Personal Assets Trust, Secure Retirement, Vosper Thornycroft, York Waterworks.
Economic statistics: Motor vehicle production (April), retail sales (April).

FRIDAY

Interims: Richards.
Finals: Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, Helene.
Economic statistics: Machine tools (March), building societies' monthly figures (April), provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (April), major British banking groups' monthly statement (end-April), financial statistics (May).

COMPANIES

PHILIP PANGALOS

Spirits cheer Allied Domecq

ALLIED DOMECQ: Tomorrow's second interim figures from the drinks and retailing giant are likely to be confused given the group's change in the year to August 31, the acquisition of Pedro Domecq and various disposals within the food division.

NatWest Securities expects interim pre-tax profits to rise to £402 million (£330 million). Market forecasts for the 12-month period range from £665 million to £717 million, against £606 million last time. A total dividend of 23.15p to 23.8p is predicted for the 12 months (22.2p).

More important than the figures will be comments on current trading, particularly within the spirits division, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of profits and where a strong performance is expected after modest progress from the core Hiram Walker business. On the down side, NatWest forecasts a 50 per cent slump in Mexican profits after the rapid decline of the peso, but says that even that could be too optimistic. The pub and retail division is also moving forward in spite of pub disposals, with reasonable growth likely from the likes of Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins. Margin pressure will be kept up at Carlsberg Tetley, the group's brewing joint venture, while analysts will be awaiting any hint that Allied wishes to pull out of the venture and UK brewing completely. The declining food side should show little profits growth, with the only businesses left being Tetley tea and its European bakeries.

HANSON: Tomorrow's interim figures from Lord Hanson's diversified industrial conglomerate, where interests span tobacco to coal mines, are expected to confirm the company's strong recovery evident in its first quarter results. UBS has pencilled in interim pre-tax profits of £600 million (£350 million) and an interim dividend of 6p (5.85p). Market forecasts range from £555 million to £615 million.

The coal division's results should show strong comparison with the strike-affected first half of 1994, but propane results are expected to be adversely affected by a mild winter in the United States. However, this would have helped aggregates, which have been further boosted by British price increases. Forestry and lumber will have been hit by the decline in US timber prices.

Analysts will be keen to see how the group's chemical operation, the largest single contributor to earnings, is faring and in particular the success of Quantum Chemical, its North American polyethylene subsidiary.

Analysts are particularly interested in any news in Hanson's statement regarding future strategy and possible acquisitions.

BOC GROUP: A high level of capacity use and healthy margins in the United States should help the industrial gases and healthcare group to reveal a strong rise in first half pre-tax profits, due tomorrow, to between £187 million and £195 million. This compares with last time's £173.4 million, depressed by restructuring costs. All divisions showed increases in profits in the first quarter, with gases up 15 per cent at the time. The Far East should also be performing well, though analysts look for the impact the Kobe earthquake had on the group's Japanese operations. News is also awaited on any further cost cutting.

NATIONAL POWER: The electricity generator will tomorrow reveal its first profits since the Government sold its remaining 40 per cent stake in the company this year. Analysts expect National Power to benefit from Nuclear Electric's problems, but see overall demand as being fairly flat with Sizewell B and some of the new gas stations beginning to generate power, leading to a possible erosion in its market share. BZW has forecast final pre-tax profits of £682 million (£677 million), with a dividend of 15.4p (12.5p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £664 million to £710 million.

COMMERCIAL UNION: An improved performance in North America should help Wednesday's first quarter pre-tax profits from the composite insurer to climb to £94 million (£64 million), according to David Hudson at Credit Lyonnais Laing. Market forecasts range from £85 million to £101 million. The weather has been kinder to CU, though the group has been hit harder than other composites by bad weather. The figures will also contain a contribution from Groupe Victoire, the French life and general insurer. The Kobe earthquake is expected to dent CU's profits by £10 million, while the French floods, to which Groupe Victoire was exposed, could cost £7 million.

BRITISH TELECOM: Hefty redundancy costs and a host of exceptional items will dent full-year profits at the telecommunications giant, chaired by Sir Iain Vallance, but underlying earnings should see an advance.

Mark Lambert at NatWest Securities expects final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to dip to £2.67 billion (£2.76 billion), though pre-redundancy profits are predicted to rise to £3.56 billion (£3.53 billion). Market forecasts range from £2.51 billion to £2.78 billion. A dividend of 17.7p (16.7p) is anticipated.

Exceptionals will include a £200 million profit on the sale of AT&T shares after the McCaw acquisition, a £33 million profit on the sale of BT Marine to Cable and Wireless, and a £75 million cost from the repurchase of government held bonds. Redundancy charges at BT are expected to rise to £825 million (£517 million), while another wave of job cuts, possibly as many as 12,000, may accompany the figures. Revenue trends are expected to show declines in call revenues but growth in exchange line revenues and other services such as Cellnet. Overall revenue growth is seen at 1 to 1.5 per cent.

Attention will focus on current trading and the likely future outcome of several regulatory issues due to be resolved in the coming months, including the MMC referral on number portability and the current interconnect review.

BURTON GROUP: In spite of a tough trading environment, UBS expects Thursday's interim pre-tax profits from the retailing group that owns the Debenhams department store chain to jump to £50 million (£36 million). A dividend of 1.1p (1p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from £50 million to £59 million.

Analysts are hoping to hear that Burton's sales and margins are moving in the right direction. The company announced cost-cutting and productivity measures in February, after reporting in January that its first 20 weeks of the 1995 financial year had seen ongoing business improve 0.1 per cent on the comparative period. Sales at Debenhams were up 4.3 per cent, but the multiple chains, which include Dorothy Perkins and Top Shop/Top Man, fell by 4.2 per cent.

TRAFALGAR HOUSE: figures on Thursday from the civil engineering, property and shipping group, still trying to take over Northern Electric, are expected to show a slide into the red at the interim stage. UBS has pencilled in pre-tax losses of £5 million, against profits of £15 million last time, though others fear bigger losses.

Heavy redundancy charges but underlying strength at BT under Sir Iain Vallance

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Looking to see who was right

EVERY economic statistic over the next few weeks will be judged for whether it vindicates the Chancellor's decision to leave interest rates unchanged on May 5.

Each economic release will provide information on the accuracy of recent first-quarter GDP figures, which showed a surprisingly strong rise of 0.8 per cent. These figures were at the heart of the disagreement between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and the Bank of England. Mr Clarke said he was puzzled by the apparent strength; the Bank said it saw no sign that the economic recovery was moderating.

There are plenty of points of interest in this debate this week. Today producer prices figures are published for April. Input prices — raw materials and commodities — are forecast by a consensus tracked by MMS International — to have risen by 0.4 per cent. This would take the annual rate of growth to 10.4 per cent, down on 10.9 per cent recorded in March.

Output prices at the factory rate are forecast to have risen by 0.4 per cent, boosting the annual rate to 4 per cent from 3.8 per cent the previous month. These are widely watched figures because the Bank of England has expressed concern about higher input prices feeding through to increased inflation on the high street.

On Wednesday, the minutes of the April 5 monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George are published. Normally eagerly watched for the Bank's view on rates, this will be of less interest than usual because the *Inflation Report* was published last week and the Bank has made clear its current stance.

Also on Wednesday, the Department of Employment publishes April labour market data. Unemployment is expected to have fallen by a further 20,000, the same as in March. Average earnings growth is expected to be unchanged at 3.5 per cent.

The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for April, the first month of the new fiscal year, is forecast at £3.7 billion coming after the bumper £10.4 billion recorded in March. The last month of the tax year always sees a large amount of spending by government departments. On Thursday April retail sales are published, and will give another snapshot of the high street. In the first quarter, they were almost flat. In March, sales volumes fell 0.1 per cent. April is likely to see a modest bounce-back of 0.3 per cent, from 1.8 per cent.

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SUNDAY TIPS

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Fax 0171 491 7388 or 0171 491 7399 (No Agencies)

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Val Wade Rec Cons
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Two directors of a dynamic International Investment comapny based in London requires a competent and well organised PA. Must be able to work as part of a team and under pressure. Duties to include organising travel arrangements and diaries, liaison with clients and contacts, scheduling and typing. Must have at least 5 years experience and a good working knowledge of computers and word processing packages. Typing 60wpm. Age 35+. Please send CV's stating current salary to Richard Leigh,
London & Capital PLC,
49 Marylebone High Street
London W1M 4EA

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South London based private catering company requires efficient 25-35 year old person educated to A level standard, to work for senior event organiser. Shorthand preferable, WP 5.0 essential. c£16,000 p.a.

Handwritten applications with CV to - Mustard Catering, 1-3 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DE or Fax 0171 793 1024 or telephone Fran in the first instance on 0171 582 9159, mornings only.

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CV to Anne Page, Institutional Investor,
Imperial Buildings, 56 Kingsway, London WC2B 6DX

JUNIOR SECRETARY

Common sense; enthusiasm. Word Perfect 5.1. Educated speaking voice, dog lover. Small Mayfair office. £10,000 + neg dependant on experience. Elizabeth De la Rue. Phone 0171 493 2224/2938. Fax 0101 499 1144.

LEGAL SECRETARY

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ANTIQUE Contemporary jewellers, Bond Street Area, require person to assist in all aspects of business. Must be of smart appearance and confident with people. Previous experience not essential but must have excellent references. Permanent or temporary applicant considered. Please telephone Mrs.Milne 0171 493 9646

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£18,000 + Bens. PA to Chief Executive. Due to promotion this prest. Retail Co. based in Holland Pk. needs an exp. S/H Sec. Work for a charming man in a classic PA role. Rusty shorthand but good secretarial skills and a strong sense of humour. Age 22-40 yrs. Insight Rec. Tel: 0171 379 6179.

G'DAY! Sec 23+ for busy city team. Lots of audio + presentation work & helping newly arrived Aussies settled in the U.K. Must be polished and well spoken. Call 0171 439 7001, SECRETARIES PLUS rec cons

LADY Agency Interviewer, c 35. Computer & typing ess. Must be energetic with good memory. Graduate. School hours - c £10,000. Stockwell, 0171-720 8029 - eves only.

MARKETING ASSISTANT circa £19,000. Following expansion, the MD of this Intl. Creative Services Co. needs an enthusiastic Trainee. Get involved in all aspects of Marketing. Report to the MD, attend meetings, own projects, production control. 25wpm+ min. 3 yrs commercial exp. typ. and writing ability. Would suit current Trainee Account Exec. or Marketing Sec/Asstnt. who can handle much more! Insight Rec. Tel: 0171 379 6179.

2nd Jobber secs - openings in Creative, Media, Publishing, Business World etc. £11,000 - 14,000 Covent Garden Bureau 0171 495 8822

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Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,354.90	Abbey Natl	484	+ 18	4.6	9.8
1,959.80	Allied Irish	294	+ 2	4.7	8.6
3,346.40	Aus New Z	241	...	4.9	8.5
11,332.20	Bank America	3237½	+ 156¼	...	
2,576.20	Bank Scotland†	220	+ 5¼	3.3	9.8
10,869.70	Barclays†	664	+ 24	4.0	7.2
1,650.40	Bk of Ireland	349	+ 7	4.7	-
162.30	Cater Allen	498	- 8	7.1	10.3
12,506.60	Citicorp	3212½	+ 200	...	
252.30	Close Bros	365	...	3.7	12.0
5,010.40	Commerzbk	£159¾	- 8⅞	3.4	.
41,769.90	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1337½	+ 9¾	0.5	.
14,630.60	Deutsche Bk	£308¾	+ 8⅞	2.4	...
173.40	Espirito Santo	809¼	- 15⅜	10.2	.
45,052.90	Fuji Bank Y	1555	+ 20¾	0.4	
223.00	Gerrard Nat	458	+ 4	6.6	13.2
370.90	Hambros	210	- 1	8.9	12.9
6,875.60	HSBC†	807	+ 60	4.2	10.1
13,909.20	HSBC HK†	793	+ 62	4.3	10.0
223.10	Irish Perm†	293	+ 4	2.6	-
19.20	Joseph (L)	363	...	6.1	10.6
17.40	King Shaxson	100	+ 3	11.2	8.9
868.60	Kleinwort Ben	848	- 2	4.1	11.6
8,781.80	Lloyds	675	+ 26	4.8	11.4
7,737.20	Nat Aust Bk	578	- 35	6.0	9.8
9,540.70	Nat West	548	+ 8	4.9	9.2
118.80	Ottoman Bank	2375		6.6	3.4
25.30	Rea Bros†	52		2.4	19.1
3,224.00	Ryl Bk Scot	402	- 19¾	3.5	11.4
1,597.60	Schroders▼	1058	- ¾	1.6	15.1
406.10	Schroders N/V▼	923	+ 1	1.9	13.1
178.80	Singer & Fried†	92	+ 1	4.8	
3,165.20	Stand Chartt	328	+ 11	3.0	10.1
3,873.40	TSB	253	+ 3	4.5	10.8
27.40	Union	103	+ 13	3.6	-
1,706.10	Warburg SG	772	- 70	3.6	-
5,692.20	Wells Fargo†	£111	+ 431¼	2.6	.
4,663.40	Westpac	256½	+ 7	2.2	.
17.40	Whitrust	205	.	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
43.60	Ascot Hldgs	159			
4,943.80	Bass	565	+ 5	4.7	14.0
329.50	Boddington	271	+ 2	4.1	13.9
37.80	Burtonwood Brw	153		4.2	12.8
31.70	Eldridge P 'A'	153	...	3.3	18.6
1,866.90	Fosters Brewing	56		4.9	14.7
74.50	Fullr Sm 'A'	365	+ 2	2.7	15.1
994.20	Greenalls Grp	475	+ 10	3.4	15.6
216.20	Greene King	510	- 5	3.2	13.9
50.00	Hardy Hansn	250	+ 3	4.7	12.2
3.71	Heavitree	160	+ 10	3.5	11.4
100.00	Holt JT	3225	- 23	2.1	-
165.00	Mansfield	257	+ 8	2.3	15.7
260.10	Marston Thmp	289	+ 1	2.6	14.1
98.70	Morland	455	..	2.9	13.7
9.44	Paramount†	8		3.9	18.9
57.60	Regent Inns	389	+ 12	1.9	22.2
5,285.00	SA Breweries	1881¼	- 81¼	1.8	-
2,958.40	Scot & New	554	- 7	3.9	15.9
322.90	Vaux Group	330	- 7	5.5	13.6
191.20	Wetherspoon JD†	527	+ 34	1.7	24.4
1,632.00	Whitbread	590	+ 9	4.4	14.9
355.10	Wolvrhmptn D	534	+ 6	3.3	13.9
99.60	Yates Bros	254	+ 28	1.9	20.0
13.20	Young 'A'	455		4.1	19.2

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BUSINESS SERVICES

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DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
29.70	ABI Leis	110	+ 4	4.6	12.6
23.30	Adam & Harvey	543	- 2	3.6	6.8
8.16	Alexanders	20		6.2	9.6
72.50	Appleyard	109	- 2	6.7	-
8.85	Ass Br Eng	3¼		1.7	26.8
151.40	BSC Group	578	+ 13	3.9	20.4
6.73	Bearing Power	19	- 2	6.6	9.7
1.21	Bogod 'A'	25	- 2	3.5	10.5
176.90	Brammer†	394	+ 9	4.2	-
5.78	Bridgend Gp	21	+ 1	1.2	..
20.20	Brit Fittings†	65	- 1	4.4	
13.60	Brown & Tawse	42			
40.10	Burndene	38	+ 2	6.3	-
8.09	Caffyns	245	...	5.9	40.2
10.30	Central Mtr	75	...	4.6	49.5
18.90	Cook (DC)	44	+ 1	3.3	13.5
423.40	Cowie	263		4.3	17.3
33.60	Dag Motors†	138	..	6.3	12.2
24.60	Dennis El	559		1.5	13.8
263.80	Diploma	472	+ 2	3.6	16.6
1,171.40	Electrocomps	557	+ 11	2.3	22.8
45.40	Electron House	178	- 2	2.5	15.0
234.10	Ellis & Everard	290	+ 15	3.5	18.6
53.60	European Mtr	100	- 4	5.7	10.9
124.20	Evans Halshaw†	388	+ 2	4.8	11.5
809.10	Farnell Elect	598	+ 13	1.9	-
7.44	File Indexg	48		7.8	-
24.20	Gardner	22½	- ½	4.4	10.4
6.58	Glencrewton	26	+ 2		28.7
6.01	Gowrings†	66		4.3	
30.50	Hallton Hldgs†	68		1.8	13.0
17.80	Harris (Philip)	165		5.2	14.5
207.70	Hentys	404	+ 13	2.6	18.8
3.06	Holders Tech†	98		7.7	29.4
36.80	ISA Intl	92	- 2	2.6	11.2
1,670.60	Inchcape†	317	+ 3	5.9	12.0
7.02	Jacks (Wm)	65	- 1		15.1
273.40	Kwik-Fit	158½	+ 2½	3.5	15.2
313.50	Lex Service	329	...	5.5	17.5
33.50	Lookers	172	...	5.6	9.5
24.50	Malaya Grp	15	- ½	3.3	35.7
32.60	Middlesex ⊕	5¼		1.1	-
35.20	Nortain	338	- 1	0.8	15.1
21.90	Northamber	129	- 4	1.3	54.8
13.50	PCT	152	...	6.5	-
97.70	Pendragon	254½	+ 5½	4.0	14.7
36.90	Perry Grp	146	+ 7¼	6.4	-
31.10	Quicks Group†	135		5.1	-
15.00	REA†	165	+ 1	3.0	19.6
5.31	Reece	3			
9.86	Ross Gp	6	+ 1½	4.2	
39.10	SEP Ind	48	- 1	2.7	16.0
19.50	TLS Range†	54	+ 2	3.5	15.0
131.20	Time Products	247	+ 16	4.7	-
104.20	Vardy (Reg)	225	+ 5	2.9	16.8
37.30	Wholesale Ftgs	363	+ 13	5.6	23.4
22.80	Wills Gp	13		4.8	7.3
58.00	Wishaw	70	+ 3	7.2	23.6
34.60	Wyko	70		1.8	25.3
12.90	Young (H)	78	+ 3	5.8	14.6

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	100[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.16	6.32
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	102[illegible]†	- [illegible]	12.39	6.75
770	Treas 14% 1996	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	13.36	6.80
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	107[illegible]	- [illegible]	14.18	7.06
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	105[illegible]†	- [illegible]	12.52	7.10
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]†	- [illegible]	9.66	7.37
1,999	Treas 7% 1997	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.07	7.59
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	108[illegible]	- [illegible]	12.17	7.55
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	10.03	7.58
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.58	7.73
830	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]	- [illegible]	12.98	7.88
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	9.35	7.93
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	98[illegible]	- [illegible]	7.38	7.99
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96[illegible]		6.97	7.93
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible]†	- [illegible]	12.11	8.07
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121[illegible]		12.72	7.94
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	10.73	8.06
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.09	8.04
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.79	8.09
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	108[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	9.71	8.08
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	92[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.48	8.00
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	9.51	8.13

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	103[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.68	8.03
4,800	Treas 8% 2000	99[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	8.02	8.02
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.84	8.18
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	108[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.25	8.19
7,200	Treas 7% 2001	94[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.43	8.15
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.03	8.26
8,250	Treas 8% 2003	98[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	8.12	8.23
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	109[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.10	8.30
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.06	8.33
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77[illegible]	+ [illegible]	4.52	8.02
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.81	8.28
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	90[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	7.46	8.19
8,460	Treas 8½% 2005	102[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	8.32	8.21
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	108[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.78	8.26
2,390	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	10.08	8.46
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	96[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.03	8.22
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.14	8.21
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	118[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.95	8.47
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	102	+ [illegible]	8.33	8.21
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	130[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.31	8.44
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.48	8.21
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.16	8.21

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	83[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	7.52	8.17
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.45	8.24
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.42	8.28
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.18	8.07
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	97[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.17	8.20
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.11	8.19
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.27	8.17
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	133[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	8.98	8.38

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	8.15	...
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.35	..

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	208[illegible]	+ [illegible]	1.39	8.49
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109[illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.47	3.51
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2001	173[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.09	3.59
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	3.20	3.59
1,000	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.22	3.58
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	170[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.38	3.58
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161[illegible]†	+ [illegible]	3.34	3.58
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	167[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.40	3.61
2,800	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.41	3.61
2,800	Treas IL 2½% 2016	147[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.45	3.64
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.48	3.65
2,458	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.48	3.62
[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.50	3.64

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Heseltine bypasses HK factor in China

By Colin Narbrough

MICHAEL HESELTINE, President of the Board of Trade, will today seek to assure China of Britain's commitment to improved commercial relations, in spite of the continued political wrangling over Hong Kong, which returns to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Mr Heseltine aims to use the week-long visit of the biggest British trade mission yet, which was flown in on Saturday, to help British companies to make up some of the ground lost to European rivals that have benefited from Chinese anger over London's stance on Hong Kong.

The 130 businessmen accompanying Mr Heseltine from London are being joined in Peking by more company officials from Hong Kong. The companies include most of Britain's large industrial groups, a large number of city banks, insurance firms and other service providers.

Business deals expected to be signed during the visit will exceed $800 million, according to Mr Heseltine's officials. Bass, the beer maker, starts today with a signing ceremony at The Great Hall of the People in Peking for a £60 million joint venture with a Chinese brewing group. Cable and Wireless, British Oxygen and GPT are among others expected to sign agreements this week.

Government hopes that Mr Heseltine will be able to convince the Chinese leadership that Britain wants to make a long-term commitment to the development of the Chinese economy — whatever the state of the Hong Kong dispute — were yesterday raised when the Chinese agreed that he could meet Li Peng, the Premier, today.

Until yesterday, Peking had only confirmed that Mr Heseltine would be allowed to meet Wu Yi, the Foreign Trade Minister. British officials said that Mr Heseltine was likely to raise the question of improved market access for British companies, especially in financial services.

He is also expected to take up the issue of providing business with a stable and predictable legal environment in Hong Kong when it is handed back to Chinese rule.

Britain is only fourth among European exporters to the Chinese market and last year ran a trade deficit of almost £800 million. Among European investors in the fast-growing Chinese economy, Britain is in first place.

Rethink on Texas closures

By Sarah Bagnall

J SAINSBURY, Britain's most profitable supermarket chain, is set to reveal that it plans to close fewer Texas Homecare stores than estimated when it acquired the 241-strong DIY chain in January.

However, Sainsbury is expected to announce the closure of a select number of its 82 Homebase stores, its successful home-improvement DIY chain.

Sainsbury acquired Texas from Ladbroke Group, the leisure company, in a move that propelled its share of the DIY market up to 11 per cent, just behind B&Q, the market leader.

Ladbroke's management had already selected 40 unprofitable, or less profitable, stores for closure and had estimated that a further 15 would close because of overlap with Homebase.

City analysts now expect Sainsbury to announce plans to close fewer than 40 Texas stores, but not to disclose details on individual stores.

Queue for ferries across the Mersey at Pier Head in 1937 where emmigrants once waited to board for America

Pier Head relaunched

THE three-year regeneration of Liverpool's Pier Head waterfront is completed today with the opening of a public park (Jonathan Prynn writes).

The £3.5 million restoration by the Merseyside Development Corporation has cleared the Pier Head of the ugly bus depot that was built on the site after the last Cunard liner left Liverpool in 1966.

The Pier Head was built in the 1760s and played a key role in the rise of the British Empire, becoming one of the world's busiest ports.

Lawns, walkways and a bandstand now face the Cunard and Port of Liverpool buildings

From barrow to high-tech dealing

From Andrew Finkel
in Istanbul

ISTANBUL'S financial community is celebrating a bullish market with the lavish inauguration today of a new stock exchange. The sprawling high-tech complex with indoor and outdoor swimming is in stark contrast to a time not that long ago when self-appointed brokers peddled shares from barrows along the quayside in front of the cramped old building.

The new Istanbul Stock Exchange promises to be as up-to-date as any in the world, with two trading floors equal in size to that in Hong Kong. Turkish dealers are also toasting a return of confidence after a tough government austerity package last year. Istanbul outperformed all other emerging markets in the first quarter of 1995, averaging returns of 34.4 per cent in dollar terms.

Shares in some companies last month were rising by 10 per cent a day, turning the most conservative of foreign fund managers into day traders, says Elizabeth Ozden, of Istanbul-based Ata Securities. Foreign buyers are estimated to hold about a quarter of shares, accounting for about 20 per cent of the daily float. Settlement is [illegible] and free of [illegible].

Players on the Istanbul market still require steady nerves. In 1993, the market rose by over 200 per cent in dollar terms, only to tumble badly after a devaluation crisis in January 1994. Many shares have remained lowly rated since.

With the Treasury relatively successful at recent auctions in extending the length of maturities to 12 months and in reducing the yield to what, in Turkish terms, is the low figure of under 100 per cent, many domestic investors have moved out of government securities into shares.

Tuncay Artun, exchange chairman, predicts a market volume of $500 million by the end of the year. This, he admits, will be achieved in a period of political and macroeconomic uncertainty. But the exchange now has the infrastructure to take advantage of the time when that uncertainty ends.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Abbey National set for £1.1bn N&P offer

ABBEY NATIONAL will by the end of this week submit a sealed bid, estimated at about £1.1 billion, for National & Provincial Building Society. This Friday is the informal deadline set by Alastair Lyons, N&P's chief executive, for bid or merger proposals to be put to the society. An offer from Abbey, which confirmed its interest in N&P at the end of last month, in the £1 billion-plus region would result in average payments of more than £650 for each of N&P's 1.7 million eligible members who stand to share in any cash or shares windfall. No precise offer details are likely to emerge just yet, however, as most interested parties have signed confidentiality agreements and it could be next month before the details of any offers emerge.

The exact amount that Abbey is likely to offer N&P is not known, though analysts say Abbey will almost certainly offer less than the 1.8 times book value that Lloyds offered for the more profitable Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society. N&P's net asset value was £730 million. N&P has invited other inquiries and is therefore expected to receive offers and proposals from other banks, both UK and overseas, as well as from other building societies. Some analysts think Abbey may launch an initial sighting offer, with a view to possibly raising it if an auction develops.

S&N 'targets Courage'

SPECULATION is mounting that Scottish & Newcastle, the Edinburgh-based brewing and leisure group, is poised to launch a formal offer for Courage, the brewing operation owned by Australian-based Foster's, possibly this week. Any offer is widely expected to be accompanied by a rights issue of up to £450 million. If the deal is approved, it would make S&N Britain's biggest brewer ahead of Bass. A spokesman for S&N yesterday refused to comment on the renewed rumours that a formal offer and cash call were imminent.

BA wins MoD contract

BRITISH AIRWAYS has won a £25 million sales contract to carry UK Ministry of Defence personnel and cargo between Britain and North America. The contract, one of BA's biggest single sales deals, will run for three years and represents a minimum of 18,000 passengers a year on the company's North American routes. BA will also carry more than 7,500 kilogrammes of freight and diplomatic mail a week between London and Washington. USAir, BA's American associate, will be used as the main carrier for domestic travel in the US.

Consumer credit review

THE Office of Fair Trading today publishes its report on the future of Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, which covers anyone who has bought sub-standard goods or services using credit, including plastic cards, from a supplier who has gone out of business. Under the legislation, the buyer can claim a refund from the finance or credit card company. The section, which does not extend to charge cards, is unpopular with credit card companies and other providers of credit. Many would like to see it struck from the legislation.

Blue Arrow unionised

BLUE ARROW, the temporary staff group, has signed a ground-breaking recognition agreement with the Communication Workers Union. Under the deal, the union will organise Blue Arrow employees and negotiate on their behalf. At the same time, the company has undertaken that its employees will not cross picket lines or be used to replace striking workers in disputes at customer companies.

Tight squeeze to inflation target

The behaviour of the household sector is the main uncertainty for economic growth in the UK this year. If the recent weakness in retail sales is a taste of what is to come, then growth will quickly slow to a 2.5 per cent pace and base rates will be close to their peak. If, however, households start adding to already-strong capital spending and solid exports, then growth will carry on at a pace well above potential and base rates will have to climb much further.

In spite of the mixed signals from the household sector in the first quarter — weak retail spending but strong consumption of non-retail services — the most likely outcome is that spending this year will be much stronger than most commentators expect. Too much time is spent bemoaning the lack of a "feel-good" factor. In fact, consumer confidence in the past year has been only slightly lower than at the comparable state of the 1980s business cycle. Consumers only look depressed when compared with the unsustainably euphoric days of the late 1980s. A preoccupation with the "feel-good" factor underpins the undue pessimism about the economy this year, just as the preoccupation with negative housing equity caused many forecasters to be too pessimistic in 1992 and 1993. It is clear that neither the lack of a "feel-good" factor, nor weak house prices, have actually held back spending in this economic recovery. Total consumption has grown as much in the past three years as it did in the first three years of the 1980s business cycle, and spending on cars and household durable goods has actually been stronger this time.

Household income is the most important determinant of consumer spending, and it is here where the surprises will probably lie. In the past six months, full-time employee jobs have increased at an annual rate of 1.5 per cent, overtime hours have risen by an annualised 10 per cent, and short-time working has collapsed. All of these are boosting household incomes, providing an important offset to the drag from monetary and fiscal tightening. Continued improvement in the labour market is the foundation for stronger consumer spending this year.

If the authorities still have the inflation target in their sights, then a recovery in household spending in the second quarter should prompt a substantial tightening of monetary policy. The inflation target is still within reach, but the room for manoeuvre is limited.

Operating rates in parts of industry are already close to the previous cyclical peaks seen in 1988, and the labour market is now as tight as it was in 1987.

It would be premature to conclude that the Chancellor's decision to keep official interest rates steady in May indicated a relaxation of the inflation objective. It is certainly possible that he has decided that the political payoff from hitting the inflation target is small, but it is too early to judge if that is the case. The economic data in the first quarter weresufficiently mixed for there to have been a genuine difference of opinion between the Treasury economists advising Kenneth Clarke and the Bank of England economists advising Eddie George. However, if the Chancellor appears reluctant to raise rates in the face of more-uniformly strong data, then the most obvious conclusion will be that policy has turned more accommodatie.

What should the gilt market make of the current situation? In recent weeks gilts have been lifted by the global bond-market rally, led by the United States. From an economic perspective, the US bond market looks very expensive. The market has priced in a recession rather than a soft landing. In contrast, German bond yields still look too high, both in real terms and relative to short rates, so a continued rally looks likely.

Thus, the US and German bond markets look set to decouple in the next few months. Will gilt yields be held back by a retrenchment in the US, or taken lower by a continued rally in Germany? In the near term, gilts are more likely to move with the US, as uncertainty about the economy and the government's policy objectives persists. Later in the year, however, if UK policy is tightened enough to ensure that the UK remains with the low-inflation core of Europe, then gilts should outperform. However, the likelihood of the latter is lower than it was two weeks ago.

Preoccupation with the "feel-good" factor underpins the undue pessimism

David Mackie
Economist, JP Morgan

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US dollar
1.5720 (-0.0289)
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2.2700 (+0.0760)
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Austria Sch	16.80	15.30
Belgium Fr	49.19	44.89
Canada $	2.211	2.051
Cyprus Cyp£	0.750	0.695
Denmark Kr	9.36	8.56
Finland Mkk	7.40	6.75
France Fr	8.33	7.68
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.69	11.69
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel	5.2123	4.4623
Italy Lira	2695.00	2540.00
Japan Yen	148.50	132.50
Malta	0.597	0.542
Netherlds Gld	2.668	2.438
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Generation of aggro that hobbled nuclear power

Why did British manufacturing industry fall so far behind Germany, France, even Italy? For one answer, look no further than the story of nuclear power. For the dwindling army of industrial veterans who fought Brittain's 25-year nuclear war, the planned public flotation of Nuclear Electric will therefore seem bizarre and bittersweet.

In one sense, the sale of a self-standing nuclear power company is *the culmination* of a success story that began when Britain opened the world's first industrial-scale nuclear station at Calder Hall almost 40 years ago. It is still running. But BNFL, which owns it, is about to build a gas-fired plant for its needs. And that hints at the downside of the flotation for nuclear buffs. The Government's review of the industry found no case for the State to subsidise any more nuclear stations to operate in a competitive market.

By implication, the private sector will not finance them either, unless the economics of different fuels change as radically in the future as they have in the past. The mainspring for the sale is to allow Nuclear Electric and its unwilling Scottish partner to build a future in other generating businesses.

Engineers once dreamt of nuclear power so cheap that it would hardly be worth metering. That dream disappeared in an accountant's nightmare of engineering and planning delays, high capital costs financed at high interest rates and high but still unknown costs of decommissioning stations.

Margaret Thatcher charged Cecil Parkinson to privatise the electricity industry in a way that ensured competition but protected the future expansion of nuclear power. As many of us projected at the time, these ultimately proved incompatible, even with the notorious levy. Opponents of nuclear power will be relieved. Their doubts on disposal of radioactive waste, which have never been met, always made it impossible for them to accept nuclear power as the clean, sensible solution for global warming or acid rain. City short-termism seems to have resolved the intellectual conflict for them.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Yet nuclear power need not have faced being pensioned off into affluent retirement. It could have the acceptance and momentum that has been achieved across the Channel, where a world-class business has developed to make reactors and sell them round the world. Britain's industry was hobbled by a political and commercial war over the technology that Britain should adopt for the second generation of stations to replace Britain's successful but relatively dirty Magnox stations. This made planning absurdly long-winded and costly.

Still worse, the wrong decisions were made because the arguments lasted for so long. In the early 1970s, America's Westinghouse and GEC, its British ally, lobbied hard for the market-dominating pressurised water reactor (PWR), ultimately developed from submarine reactors. Had Britain adopted the PWR at that early stage, the nuclear industry might have developed as in France. But the British atomic establishment successfully argued to retain the distinctively British technology by going for the advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR). The AGRs had a disastrous start. On-site construction delays, industrial disputes, design changes and complexity raised costs. Dungeness B was generating only about 10 per cent of designed output 20 years after construction started. Only two similar reactors, one in Scotland, worked tolerably well in the early years.

The Central Electricity Generating Board lost heart and joined the lobby for American PWRs. Tony Benn, Energy Secretary in the mid-1970s, plumped for a short time for another experimental British design, the Victorian-sounding steam-generated heavy water reactor. It proved hopelessly uneconomic. In 1978, thinking moved reluctantly towards the PWR. After the Government changed, Margaret Thatcher injected a new enthusiasm. She wanted to ape the French, building a family of perhaps a dozen off-the-shelf PWRs in quick succession to curb the power of the coalmining uinons. Lord Marshall, a convert to PWRs, was brought in to head the CEGB and drive the PWR programme. It was far too late.

This switch proved another disaster. American PWRs did not meet UK safety standards. They had to undergo a long and costly redesign. After the near-miss accident at Three Mile Island, the switch required the longest and mostly costly public inquiry in history. By its end, only one PWR was needed, because the miners were beaten and gas, seen by the CEGB as uneconomic ten years ago, took over. Sizewell B started working this spring. Properly accounted, it is probably the most expensive power station built.

Meanwhile, engineers worked out how to operate AGRs. In Scotland, where they relied on them, they had to. In the miners' strike, when the power was vital, performance improved strongly. After Nuclear Electric was created as a dedicated nuclear generator, whose fortunes depended on AGRs, they were soon transformed. Between 1989-90 and 1993-94, AGR output nearly doubled. In 1986, most of Britain's AGRs had ranked right at the bottom of a world league table of reactor performance. In 1993, they had the highest average annual load factor of any reactor system in the world. Unfortunately, no one can now buy them. Instead, Britain has wasted tens of billions junking its own technology, to no great end.

Now, the nuclear generating industry will be sold almost entirely on the basis of profitable AGRs churning out cash like confetti. This was foreseeable, and foreseen by a few. It would not have happened in France.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ospel preys on London

MARCEL OSPEL, who hopes to run a combined SBC Warburg, demonstrated his commitment at the weekend with a spot of London house-hunting. Ospel, who at 45 delights in being described as a "whiz-kid", had been scheduled to fly home to Basle last Thursday, but decided to stay over. Not knowing London that well, he has been bombarded with suggestions about where to look — he fancied Holland Park, but was told it was too far from the City. He is now said to be considering Belgravia. A country house seems unlikely though. "He is not that kind of guy. He is more used to cities, lakes, and mountains," my source says.

Party search

NO SOONER does the Nolan *report come out than* Grandfield, the PR group, launches a division — Grandfield Public Affairs — headed by Chris Butler, former Tory MP, and Phil Kelly, a Labour councillor in Islington and one-time *Tribune* editor. Grandfield is looking for a Liberal Democrat.

VE-stand

THE Chancellor is not without fans, after all. The House Builders Federation has congratulated Kenneth Clarke for his valiant "VE-stand" against Eddie George on interest rates. VE stands for — "Victory over Eddie".

Baltic's home

THE Baltic Exchange, bombed out of its historic St Mary Axe home by the IRA in 1992, since when it has been in temporary lodgings, today *moves into its new home.* It is at 38 St Mary Axe, the old, but refurbished, Inchcape building, which the Baltic chaplain will bless at lunchtime.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Martin Waller visits UK firms in the former Comecon bloc

Rebuilding after the Wall

Eastern Europe does not exist. This curious geographical fact is the first lesson for any Western company hoping to trade in former Comecon countries.

One of the more unexpected seismological shifts that followed the collapse of communism is the apparent tilting a few hundred miles west of the former Soviet satellites, to the extent that they must now be described as central Europe. The tactful Western businessman does well to remember this.

"It's central Europe," emphasised one with trading experience in the former Eastern bloc. "These people consider Eastern Europe to be the Soviet Union — and they don't want anything to do with the Soviet Union." One group taking advantage of this shift are West European building materials companies, among them a clutch of UK businesses that have carved out a small, uncertain but potentially lucrative niche in these countries.

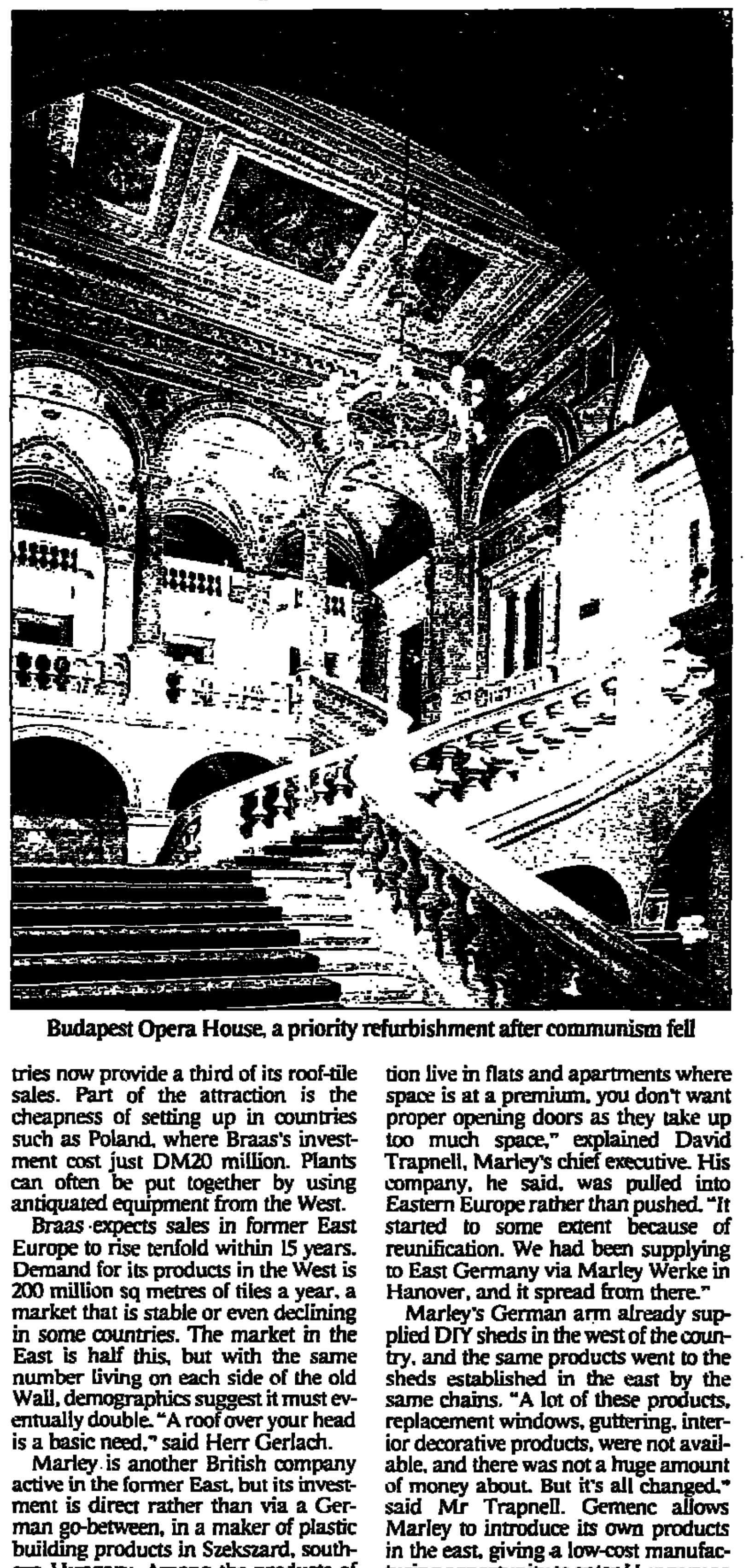
One of the effects of the collapse of the Berlin Wall was a new market of east Germans with money and access to consumer goods. West Germans say wearily that the first purchase was a pair of blue jeans, the second probably a Michael Jackson tape. But the time came when the money had to go on smartening up housing stock that was either acres of drab concrete apartment blocks along the usual shoddily built Soviet lines or prewar housing that in country areas had changed little since the early years of the century.

At the same time the opening up of the East presented a serious danger for Western building materials firms. To the east lay possible competitors that had seen their original market, the Soviet Union, close overnight, while the turmoils of post-Communist order meant state housing programmes on their own patch collapsed. In Hungary, for example, the state had been known to build 100,000 flats in a year; the expected total by the private sector this year will hardly exceed 20,000.

The first move to the east by the Germans and British was defensive. Erich Gerlach is management board chairman of Braas, a building materials group near Frankfurt 51 per cent owned by Britain's Redland. Braas's Bramac joint venture with Wienerberger of Austria produces roof tiles in Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovenia, while Braas itself has offshoots in the former Eastern bloc.

"The Redland-Braas philosophy is that you produce locally — the reasons are twofold. First, our products are heavy and therefore can't be easily exported. Second, we know that local production creates its own market," says Herr Gerlach. "But our strategy is also defensive: our activities mean protection of our domestic business."

Spending in the former East has accounted for just 15 per cent of Braas's *investment since* 1988, but those countries now provide a third of its roof-tile sales. Part of the attraction is the cheapness of setting up in countries such as Poland, where Braas's investment cost just DM20 million. Plants can often be put together by using antiquated equipment from the West.



Budapest Opera House, a priority refurbishment after communism fell

Braas expects sales in former East Europe to rise tenfold within 15 years. Demand for its products in the West is 200 million sq metres of tiles a year, a market that is stable or even declining in some countries. The market in the East is half this, but with the same number living on each side of the old Wall, demographics suggest it must eventually double. "A roof over your head is a basic need," said Herr Gerlach.

Marley is another British company active in the former East, but its investment is direct rather than via a German go-between, in a maker of plastic building products in Szekszard, southern Hungary. Among the products of Gemenc-Plast are folding doors, much derided in the West for their suburban naffness but a winner in the East.

"When the majority of the population live in flats and apartments where space is at a premium, you don't want proper opening doors as they take up too much space," explained David Trapnell, Marley's chief executive. His company, he said, was pulled into Eastern Europe rather than pushed. "It started to some extent because of reunification. We had been supplying to East Germany via Marley Werke in Hanover, and it spread from there."

Marley's German arm already supplied DIY sheds in the west of the country, and the same products went to the sheds established in the east by the same chains. "A lot of these products, replacement windows, guttering, interior decorative products, were not available, and there was not a huge amount of money about. But it's all changed," said Mr Trapnell. Gemenc allows Marley to introduce its own products in the east, giving a low-cost manufacturing opportunity to enter Hungary as well as the Czech Republic and Poland, or Austria where it has a distribution arm but no manufacturing facilities.

He had been looking particularly at Poland, Hungary or the Czech Republic, all offering a skills base and readily available low-cost labour. But Hungary, while it reckons to have soaked up more than half of western investment across all industries since 1990, was not inevitable. "It just so happened that Hungary was the first opportunity we had to do something and take a joint venture," he added. "Traditionally we do more business in Poland."

This was the main target of Pilkington, another big British building materials producer, which has taken a 40 per cent stake in Poland's first float-glass plant, a project costing $150 million. The furnace at the Pilkington Sandoglass plant at Sandomierz will be lit on June 1 this year. Its capacity, 140,000 tonnes a year, is almost half Poland's total market.

Mr Trapnell said: "If you are of the view that the Western economies are developed ones, and if you look at housing stock and housing starts, they are stable and mature markets with no real growth, then the next nearest place to go other than East Asia or South America is the opportunity that's developed in East Europe." Andrew Melrose, building materials analyst at Paribas, says those British companies that have invested in the east have done so as a genuine long-term commitment."

He added: "They aren't looking for a short-term payback. In almost all cases these investments are genuinely to serve those domestic and East European *markets rather* than provide a low-cost manufacturing base to attack their traditional Western markets," he said. But growth rates, though impressive, are variable and subject to rapid downturns. Top of the list for 1995 is the Czech Republic, with 12 per cent growth forecast, while Poland runs at half that.

"Moves into these markets are to supply and to take advantage of potential growth," said Mr Melrose. "There's a general perception across most building companies that in terms of volume growth, the best prospects by far are in East Europe and the Far East." But he cautions: "One would have to say the return on investment and certainly margins aren't going to be as good as in traditional Western markets." The market in the East is more fragmented than Western companies are used to, and their eastern counterparts are still less focused on return on capital.

"In the main Western economies, you are going to get growth rates in construction output below the rate of GDP growth," said Mr Melrose. "But in Eastern Europe, the need for infrastructure rebuilding, let along for residential construction, will keep output growing faster than GDP growth. In the next five years, in Eastern Europe as a whole, construction output will *grow at a faster rate than in the West.*"

RADIO CHOICE

Passion and pleasure

With Great Pleasure. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Positively everything about Wales, the land of her father, and next to everything about sea, ships and travel are the grand passions in Jan Morris's life. So there is a predictability about the writer's choice of prose and verse. Conrad's story of homecoming sailors, *Nigger of the Narcissus* proves irresistible, as does *The Old Ships*, the James Elroy Flecker poem that stirred her own memories of watching passing ships in Beirut. There is Flann O'Brien's account of seals — "great family people" — in Dublin Bay, and there is Welsh fun and beauty in her daughter's reading from Robert Graves's *A Welsh Incident*, and her son's speaking, in Welsh and English, of his own poem. It is always a great pleasure to listen to *With Great Pleasure.*

Architecture in Five Easy Pieces. *Radio 3, 9.20pm.*

Later this week, wall, roof, window and door will come in for what I confidently expect will be not-too-technical treatment. Tonight's launching easy piece is about stairs where, accidentally or otherwise, women in soap operas tend to lose their unborn babies. Film buff Dick Vosburgh recalls Hitchcock staircases in *Psycho* and *Vertigo*, but neglects to mention the most spectacular film staircase of them all — the celestial escalator in *A Matter of Life and Death*. The architect Eva Jiricna's 54 staircases include one which caused a store owner to complain that everybody was looking at her work and nobody was looking at his merchandise.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell, who interviews Annie Lennox **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young: Stephen Dorrell, National Heritage Secretary, launches Radio 2's Museums Week **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special: the first of two concerts given as part of the Wrexham Maelor Arts Festival **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Star Equality **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Tales of the Jury; **11.55** Police 5 to 12 **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.35** Bullet Boys **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **6.15** Crime Update **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Wembley Winners **8.05** Inside Edge: sport in Britain **9.35** Laying Down the Law Lady Be Good **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW** Off the Shelf **5.45** Did You Know?) **6.00** News **6.30** Anything Goes (**MW**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **7.30** Foreign Postings **8.00** News **8.15** Development '95 **8.30** Heritage **9.00** News (**MW**: News in German) **9.10** Faith (**MW** News in German) **9.15** Pianorama **10.00** News **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News (**MW** News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Music **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Global Concerns (**MW** News in German) **4.45** Pop the Question (**MW** News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Pianorama **6.00** News **6.15** Telltale Tunes **6.30** World Today (**MW**, News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW** News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** News **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Development **Midnight** News **12.05am** Report **12.15** John Dunn **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** Beethoven **2.45** Health **3.00** News **3.30** Let's Do The Show **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** A-Z of Classical Music **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **11.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe — A Life Apart **6.55** Weather
7.00 **On Air**: Godowsky (Study No 5 in D flat on an étude by Chopin); Arne (Harpsichord Concerto No 1 in C); **7.49** Boccherini (Quintet in G); Nicolai (Overture, The Merry Wives of Windsor); Mendelssohn (Nachtlied; Andreas Maienlied, Op 8 No 8); **8.32** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Sonata in G minor)
9.00 **Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week**. John Dowland
9.45 **Musical Encounters**: Stephanie Hughes presents the first of a week's programmes from Belfast; **10.00** *Artist of the Week*: *Bernadette Greevy, mezzo, performs* Duparc (L'invitation au voyage; Soupir; Phidylé); **10.15** Berwald (Symphony No 2 in D, Sinfonie capricieuse); Grieg (Four Norwegian Dances); **11.00** Vivaldi (Concerto in C for two trumpets, RV537); Lutoslawski (Chain 2); Copland (Rodeo)
12.00 **The Highest Form of Art**: Musical theatre (r)
1.00pm **BBC Lunchtime Concert**, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Skampa Quartet performs Haydn (Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4, Sunrise); Suk (Meditation on an Old Czech Hymn); Janáček (Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata)
2.00 **Schools**: Lifeskills **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Scottish SO under Tan Dun; Cho Liang Lin, violin, perform Varèse (Intégrales); Bartók (Rhapsody No 1 for violin and orchestra); Tan Dun (Out of Peking Opera)
3.45 **The Classical Organ**: Richard Coulson explores the repertoire of English organ music written in the 18th and early 19th centuries
5.00 **The Music Machine**. Tommy Pearson explores Beethoven's development of piano composition
5.15 **In Tune**, with Natalie Wheen Stravinsky (Scherzo à la russe); **6.03** Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp, Op 60); **6.45** Falla (Fantasia baetica)
7.15 **BBC National Orchestra of Wales at the Concertgebouw**: Jard van Nes, *mezzo, perform Diepenbrock* (Hymne an die Nacht No 2); **7.35** Stephen Johnson on Mahler's unfinished tenth symphony; **7.55** Mahler, completed Deryck Cooke (Symphony No 10)
9.20 **Architecture in Five Easy Pieces**: See Choice
9.45 **Fairest Isle: Early English Saints** — Mass for St Alban. Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge under Mary Berry sings the medieval chants for the feast of England's first martyr
10.30 **Music for These Distracted Times**: William Lawes (Royall Consort No 6 in D: Concordia)
10.45 **Mixing It**, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30-12.30am **Ensemble**: Beethoven (Diabelli Variations, Benjamin Frith, piano)
1.00-2.00 **Night School**: Letterbox **1.20** Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, including **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Angela Tilby **8.40** Charismatics **8.58** Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Start the Week**, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Rosie Boycott. With *Minette Marin, Richard Neville, Fay Weldon and* Jamie Byng
10.00-10.30 **News; With Great Pleasure (FM** only): See Choice
10.00 **Daily Service (LW** only), from St George's Parish Church, Beckenham, Kent
10.15 **From Plato to the Present** (**LW** only): Rousseau. James Bryce reads from *The Social Contract*
10.30 **Woman's Hour**. Cookery writer Sri Owen begins a culinary guide to Indonesia
11.30 **Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444**
12.00 **News; Your and Yours**
12.25pm **Brain of Britain 1995**: Robert Robinson introduces the first round **12.55** Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Tomorrow We Do the Sky**: A one-man play, written and performed by Michael Mears and directed by Enyd Williams (r)
3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**
4.00 **Kaleidoscope**: Robert Dawson Scott talks to the choreographer Siobhan Davies
4.45 **Short Story: Looking for Lewis and Clark**, by D.J. Taylor. Read by David Jarvis
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **The News Quiz** (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **The Food Programme** (r)
7.45 **The Monday Play: That Summer**, by David Edgar. Summer 1984, when the longest strike in British mining history was at its peak, becomes a time of tension and reconciliation for a couple when they play host to the teenage daughters of striking Welsh miners (r)
9.15 **My Kind of Trust**: In the centenary year of the National Trust, personalities talk about their own favourite Trust "gem". Lucinda Lambton describes the delights of an 18th-century cottage in Devon
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Cheri**. Jane Lapotaire reads the fifth of an eight-part adaptation of Colette's classic love story
11.00-11.30 **Eating Out (FM** only): In the first of six programmes, Sandi Toksvig joins a working men's club outing to Blackpool (r)
11.00-11.30 **Education Matters** (**LW** only)
11.30-12.00 **Kipling in Love (FM** only): His Wedded Wife The first of eight plays based on short stories by Rudyard Kipling (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament (LW** only)
12.00-12.45am **News**, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (**LW**)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2**: FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3**: FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4**: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. **RADIO 5**: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LONDON RADIO**: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL**: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR**: FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE**: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM**: FM-100-102. **VIRGIN**: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. **TALK RADIO**: MW 1089, 1053kHz. **Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey**

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page ***35***

YESTERFANG
(c) Something that was taken at some time in the past. For example, your days off owing, your beloved's maidenhead, all the good seats in the dress circle, and the last bottle of proper champagne.

INTERBASTATION
(c) Conveying the sound of an unseemly form of multiple sexual congress, this is a useful word for disturbing maiden aunts. Especially since its actual meaning is "quilting".

BUNKUM
(b) Claptrap. Both words have acquired the modern meaning of nonsense. The original and specific sense of *bunkum* is a flashy but insincere political speech made for the purpose of impressing the voters. That is, any political speech ever made. The original spelling was *Buncombe*, and the original *bunkum* was spoken by Felix Walker, a backwoodsman from Buncombe, North Carolina, who insisted on dragging out the debate on the Missouri Question in the Sixteenth Congress, on the grounds that the people of Buncombe expected a speech from him.

THELYPHTHORIC
(b) Something that corrupts and seduces women, from the Greek *thelūs* a female creature + *phthorein* to destroy. It is difficult to imagine what could be so described, but suggestions are invited (in plain wrapper).

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qg8+! Nxg8 2 Ng6+ Kh7 3 Nxf8+ Kh6 4 Nxd7 and White, two pawns ahead with a very dangerous f-pawn, wins easily.

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Towards a containment of chaos theory

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Rain. Irish coastal landscape. Black clouds. A crash of thunder. "We must lift the potatoes!" yells a man in black clerical coat and white collar, bursting into a lowly abode, soaked from his frantic journey. "What, now?" yell back the peasants. They emerge into the wet and recoil from the smell of the potato crop. "There is blight in the valley!" he roars. And as they pull up each plant to find squishy midget spuds in the earth, they sink to their knees in the mud, and think, "Funny, a climactic line that goes 'We must lift the potatoes'? But you've got to hand it to them. It works."

BBC 1's Irish Potato Famine drama **The Hanging Gale** started last night in this highly diverting manner — with big drama every ten minutes, more coastal brooding than *Rebecca*, and an embarrassment of nice-looking McGann brothers to feast the eye on. To be fair, the life of an Irish peasant in the 1840s probably enjoyed less incident from day to day, but for the purposes of Allan Cubitt's four-part *The Hanging Gale*, events came in legions, each hurtling tragically out of control before you could say "Mashed or sautéed?" The Irish extras toiled and moiled threateningly in brown fustian; an English land agent was killed on the road: his successor (Michael Kitchen) was nearly lynched. "Brady, read the riot act," was a particularly thrilling line, delivered coolly by Kitchen on a white horse. Kitchen lowers his voice for emphasis; no wonder he in such demand.

I ought to explain that a former boyfriend of mine was obsessed with the Irish Potato Famine, and had somehow reached the point of blaming me personally, so *The Hanging Gale* comes as a great relief. My only concern about last night's episode — which was beautifully filmed, cinematic in its depth and colour — was the McGann problem. Modestly mingling into the other peasant characters, the lookalike McGanns (the Phelans) eluded a head-count until about halfway through, at which point it transpired that a McGann was missing. Only three out of four had turned up! Luckily, the fourth McGann appeared before I phoned the Duty Officer, quoting the relevant page number of *Radio Times*. Angel-faced Paul McGann was the priest who brought the bad news about the spuds. "Liam!" cried his family, and I exhaled with relief.

The containment of chaos was all around in the weekend's programmes. In Lynda La Plante's **The Governor** (ITV), the men of C Block were a blur of violence and sledge-hammers, requiring a statuesque woman with blonde hair (Janet McTeer) to yell "This is Governor Hewitt! Get back to your cells at once!" In the ever-invigorating *Landscape and Memory* (BBC 2), Simon Schama described how the Doge of Venice wedded the wayward sea to subdue it (that old trick). And in Ric Burns's tasteful documentary, *The Wild West* (Channel 4) we learnt how the can-do American pioneers in wagons regarded the great plains of indian territory they crossed: not as a country, but as "the material out of which countries are made".

The Governor was not as preposterous as it appeared at first glance, although sometimes one has nightmares that the next La Plante drama will have Imogen Stubbs running the United Nations. La Plante fixed it so that McTeer got the job for plausible contingent reasons (ie, so that it could be taken away again), and then gave her the large task of asserting her authority so that the blokes in prison and the folks at home would equally believe it. And she did surprisingly well. Like Robert Mitchum, McTeer gets maximum effect from pointing her suit at people; and it is surely no accident that her deputy governor Gary Marshall (Derek Martin) stands eye to eye with her gaberdined bustline.

In this first two-hour episode, directed by the reliably stylish Alan Dossor (*Between the Lines, Broke, Fair Game*), Governor Hewitt investigated the hushed-up murder of a top-security prisoner. She also commandeered the Gents toilet, hired a black secretary, and had a bout of sniffs. The amount of sexual prejudice she encountered was ridiculously small, but on the other hand, who wants to watch two hours of *that*?

Norway won the **Eurovision Song Contest** (BBC 1), and rightly so. All the silly talk about the British "rap" entry challenging the mores of Eurovision ("Will they be able to take it?") detracted from the fact that *Love City Groove* was phony, watery stuff — reminiscent of long-ago *Crackerjacks* when Peter Glaze would croon Bob Dylan's *Lay Lady Lay* to a big chicken, and the studio audience would cheer uncertainly instead of throwing pencils. My theory is that on Saturday the rest of Europe guessed they were being patronised.

Does anyone watch the Eurovision Song Contest for pleasure? Certainly not the unseen Terry Wogan, who did his usual sterling job of easing the terrible yoke. "How much more of this do we have to watch?" he asked cheerfully, five minutes in. "I'd kill somebody for a drink this minute." "Ah, isn't he well turned out?" And so on he went, until the disembodied voice stopped being a broadcaster, and was just a sound inside your head. "Some of these people have never heard of conditioner . . . So that was the Portuguese entry — not one of their worst . . . The Spanish results were strange, but then it's strange every year, isn't it?"

What careless authority he has. Wogan imposed order on chaos just like everybody else, but without a riot act, a big bust, or a presence on screen. He even told the nation when to make a cup of tea, for which I will always be grateful.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (58950)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10861405)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (1129931)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7040738) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1285370)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (4989134)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9750202) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (5848399) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15275554)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (64280) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (50747060)

1.50 Going For Gold. Henry Kelly unleashes another round of the general knowledge quiz (s) (93058496) **2.15 Knots Landing.** American drama (9351979) **3.05 Today's Gourmet** with American chef Jacques Pepin (2485405)

3.35 Cartoon (5004689) **3.45 Dinobabies** (8397134) **4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r). (Ceefax) (2771863) **4.30 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz presented by John Barrowman with Michaela Strachan. (Ceefax) (s) (1893912)

4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7178863) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Includes a visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales and a report from David Bellamy on the pros and cons of wind power. (Ceefax) (s) (1533592)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (617486)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (825)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (405)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainments quiz introduced by Mike Smith. The guests are David Roper, Alison Goldie, Norman Pace and Robert Beck. (Ceefax) (s) (5202)

Alice Beer, Judith Hann, Chris Choi (7.30pm)

7.30 NEW **Watchdog Healthcheck.** Consumer health magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (689)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (4950)

8.30 **Next of Kin.** (Ceefax) (s) (7347)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3689)

9.30 Panorama. A topical issue investigated. (Ceefax) (464641)

10.10 Sportsnight Special. Demond Lynam introduces boxing from Sacramento, California, where Britain's Lennox Lewis meets the American Lionel Butler in a final eliminator for the WBC heavyweight title (s) (175370)

10.50 Film 95 With Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Rob Roy, A Man of No Importance, Don Juan de Marco* and *Street Fighter*. (Ceefax) (s) (246641)

11.20 FILM: Stranger Within (1990) starring Kate Jackson and Rick Schroder. A psychological thriller in which a young man turns up at the house of a woman claiming that he is her son who was abducted 16 years ago. Directed by Tom Holland. (Ceefax) (128028) **12.55am Weather** (5126626)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7117370)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sarah Baxter (s) (1039252)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1203776) **1.45** Words and Pictures (95348689) **2.00** Noddy (85030825)

2.15 FILM: Intimate Strangers (1986) starring Stacy Keach, Teri Garr and Cathy Lee Crosby. A drama about a doctor's wife, separated from her husband during the evacuation of Saigon. She eventually turns up at home accompanied by a young Asian boy, forcing her now successful husband to reassess his relationship with another woman. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller. Includes **News** at **3.00** (629080) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) (3930689)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (318)

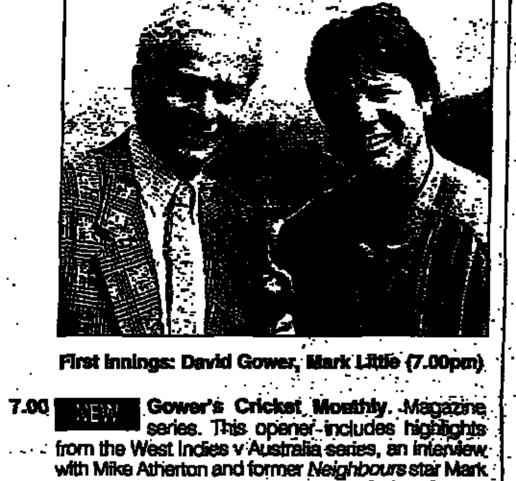
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (s) (202)

5.00 Esther. Studio discussion series (s) (3080)

5.30 Catchword with Paul Cola (554)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (504370)

6.45 Tex Avery Cartoon Double Bill (107825)



First Innings: David Gower, Mark Little (7.00pm)

7.00 NEW **Gower's Cricket Monthly.** Magazine series. This opener includes highlights from the West Indies v Australia series, an interview with Mike Atherton and former *Neighbours* star Mark Little taking a spectator's view of the County Championship. (Ceefax) (726950)

7.50 A Taste of the New World (r) (751080)

8.00 **The Net.** (Ceefax) (s) (2592)

8.30 Perpetual Motion. In praise of the Ferguson TE 20 Tractor (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8399)

9.00 Outer Limits: Under the Bed. Science-fiction drama series. A young boy disappears and his traumatised sister is unable to say what she saw. (Ceefax) (s) (925196)

9.40 **The Music Biz: The Deal.** (Ceefax) (s) (481283)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (s) (779370)

11.15 The Late Show. On location with Ken Loach in Spain filming *Land and Freedom* (s) (655486)

11.55 Weather (767478)

12.00 Open University

1.20 The Record. The day in Parliament (s) (2053887). Ends at **1.50**

5.00-5.15 BBC Select: Strathclyde TV — Putting You in the Picture (r) (9843784)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (84500)

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CHOICE

The Music Biz: The Deal
BBC2, 9.40pm

The multimillion-dollar deals enjoyed by the likes of Michael Jackson and Madonna are the misleading tip of an industry that is more likely to exploit its performers than make them rich. So says the opening film in a six-part investigation of the popular music business. Contracts are loaded in favour of record companies, which can sack artists but stop them leaving and insist that advances, as well as recording and video costs, are recouped from royalties. It is possible to make a big-selling record and end up owing money. The programme features the disenchanted comments of Bruce Springsteen, Rick Wakeman and Billy Joel and follows *Some Have Fins*, an aspiring grunge band, in its bid for recognition.

Gaunt, Keith mind the grandchildren (BBC1, 8.30pm)

Next of Kin
BBC1, 8.30pm

Returning from a holiday in France a retired couple learn that their son and daughter-in-law have been killed in a car crash, leaving three young children with nobody to look after them. It sounds dreadful but as the oldies are played by Penelope Keith and William Gaunt you quickly realise that this is sit-com country. You might have thought that every possible angle on family life had been exposed to comic treatment but grandparents forced to take on truculent grandchildren seems somehow to have escaped. Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie, the writing team responsible for *Second Thoughts*, fill the gap with an amiable and often perceptive show which has lively work by old hands and youngsters alike.

The Five Mrs Buchanans
Channel 4, 5.30pm

The latest sit-com import from the United States also offers a novel family twist, even if it is based on that oldest of gambits, the mother-in-law joke. The husky-voiced Eileen Heckart plays an imperious matron who spends her time abusing the four women who have married her sons. The daughters-in-law (New York Jewess, busty blonde, social snob and refugee from Disneyland) have little in common except the common enemy. Since they reply in kind the insult count is high. The show's acid and often funny one-liners are a world away from the cosy English reserve of William Gaunt and Penelope Keith. But each style embodies its own truth about families who find it hard to live together but harder to live apart.

The Net
BBC2, 8.00pm

If the e-mail and the Internet are just so much Chinese, prepare to be enlightened. The computer show is back, aiming to put us straight on the virtual world. We are still entitled to be sceptical. If one of the most exciting manifestations of the Internet (the description of reporter Benjamin Woolley) is to call up a recording of Bill Clinton's cat, we may feel we can manage without it. Nor is it entirely clear why anybody should want to wear a computer on his or her head, as demonstrated by groovy folk from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. More boring, but more important, are the copyright implications of posting material on the Internet, the subject of a legal case brought by the Church of Scientology.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (62641) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** with Bob Mills (s) (8455660) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1280825)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place with John Stapleton (s) (5869660)

10.35 This Morning. Family magazine presented by Stephen Rhodes and Alison Keenan (86903912) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9756486)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7433844)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7441863) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (16159399) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (50747015)

2.20 Blue Heelers (7506370) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (1325919) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6270860)

3.30 Rainbow (s) (5090486) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (3434383) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (1033202) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r). (Teletext) (s) (2756554) **4.40 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (4855202)

5.10 After 5 with Trish Williamson (Teletext) (1527931)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (974318)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (888028)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (221)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (573)

7.00 NEW **Get a Life!** Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan examine the world of health (2270)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (757)

Des O'Connor presents rising stars (8.00pm)

8.00 NEW **Pot of Gold.** Des O'Connor hosts a new talent show. Bonnie Langford and John Miller pass judgment on the acts. (Teletext) (7757)

9.00 Prime Suspect: The Scent of Darkness. In the last of the series, Jane Tennison is baffled when a spate of murders suggests an old adversary. With Helen Mirren, Pip Donaghy and Tim Woodward. (Teletext) (s) (9991)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (35825)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (441115)

10.40 Prime Suspect. The conclusion. (Teletext) (s) (445776)

11.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined in Glasgow by Liz McColgan and Andy Irvine (s) (736825)

12.40am Beyond Reality. Laura helps a man who died over twenty years earlier (r) (7669719)

1.10 Endsleigh League Extra. Gabriel Clarke introduces the last in the series (6516887)

1.55 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (9478697)

2.55 Quiz Night. The White Hart in Bedfordshire v The Crown from Barrow-in-Furness (9849603)

3.20 FILM: Killdozer (1974) starring Clint Walker and Carl Betz. A demon-possessed bulldozer goes on the rampage, hell-bent on destroying the construction workers at a huge site. Directed by Jerry London (8979429)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (10635429)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (1682993)

5.30 ITN Morning News (84546). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7379979)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (27931)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (45202)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here (1750486) **9.45** Ready, Set, Go! (4244318) **10.02** Stage Two Science (3401660) **10.20** Place and People (9293015) **10.40** The English Programme (1244844) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (5684757) **11.15** Visual World (2939592) **11.30** Film and Video Showcase (8542979) **11.40** Breaking the Mould (7922912)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (32738)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (18399) **1.30 Mr Men** followed by **Paddington, The Wombles** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (40658432)

1.55 In the Path of a Killer Volcano. An *Equinox* documentary about American and Filipino geologists trying to forecast the eruption in June 1991 of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines (r). (Teletext) (5267931)

3.00 The Late Late Show. Topical chat and music from Dublin, presented by Gay Byrne (s) (6936283)

3.55 Garden Club in Colchester (r). (Teletext) (s) (5354047)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (370)

5.00 Golden Girls. More comedy with the Miami matrons (r). (Teletext) (s) (8776)

Fun with mother and daughters-in-law (5.30pm)

5.30 **The Five Mrs Buchanans.** (Teletext) (s) (950)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (863)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. Campus comedy. (Teletext) (s) (115)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (432009)

7.55 The Slot. Viewers' access series (761467)

8.00 Consenting Adults. A series of programmes contributing to Adult Learning Week about the "mentoring" method of personnel management. (Teletext) (s) (7660)

8.30 Home Improvement. American comedy series about a television DIY programme host, starring Tim Allen. (Teletext) (s) (3467)

9.00 The Wild West. The second of a six-part history of how native Americans' way of life was affected by the trek west of the whites. (Teletext) (s) (8863)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (733318)

10.55 FILM: The Gunfighter (1950, b/w) starring Grgory Peck. A western drama about an ageing gunslinger whose efforts to effect a reconciliation with his former wife and son are threatened by hot-headed locals. Directed by Henry King. (Teletext) (96584318)

12.30am Catholics and Sex. The first of a four-part series about Catholics and the Catholic clergy's attitudes to sex (r) (5847158)

1.35 FILM: Splendor (1935, b/w) starring Joel McCrea. A drama about a young man who decides to marry a woman from a poor family rather than an heiress his parents want him to wed. Directed by Elliott Nugent (2969448). Ends at **2.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1280825) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (9756486) **12.55** Coronation Street (7441863) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16159399) **2.20** Look and Cook (20214047) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2667405) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (6270860) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1527931) **6.30-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (573) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (441115) **12.40am** England's Rugby World Cup Dream (7669719) **1.55** The Littlest Victims (686448) **4.30** The Time... the Place (68974) **5.00** Wanted Dead or Alive (51500)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1280825) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (9756486) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (20214047) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2667405) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6270860) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1527931) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (869844) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (441115) **12.40am** ITV Sport Classics (7669719) **4.30** Jobfinder (8491535) **5.20** Asian Eye (8986581)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (7441863) **1.25** Home and Away (51671486) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (3287660) **2.45-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (8349844) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (6270860) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1527931) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (869844) **11.40** The Motor Show (419776) **4.30-4.55** Jobfinder (10635429)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (1280825) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (9756486) **12.55** Coronation Street (7441863) **1.25** Home and Away (16159399) **1.55** Gardening Calendar (67208711) **2.25-3.20** Highway to Heaven (9326283) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (6270860) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook (1527931) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (573) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (441115) **11.40** Spotlight (419776) **4.30am** Jobfinder (10635429)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales Headlines (1280825) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (9756486) **1.55-2.25** Baby Talk (67208711) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (6270860) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (573) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (441115) **11.40** A Most Secret Service (419776)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1280825) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (9756486) **12.55** Coronation Street (7441863) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16159399) **2.20-3.20** Father Dowling (7506370) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6270860) **5.10** Home and Away (1527931) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - The Listings (891592) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (221) **6.30-7.00** Wild about Essex (573) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (441115) **12.40am** The Powers That Be (7669719) **1.55** The Littlest Victims (686448) **4.30** The Time... the Place (68974) **5.00** Freescreen (51500)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7441863) **1.25** Home and Away (16159399) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (67208711) **2.25-3.25** The Young Doctors (20213318) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (6270860) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1527931) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (68641) **12.40am** New Candid Camera (7669719) **4.30** Jobfinder (10635429)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7441863) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16159399) **2.20-2.50** Wish You Were Here..? (20214047) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6342960) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1527931) **5.55** Calendar (163047) **6.30-7.00** One Summer In Bronte Country (573) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (441115) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (114757) **1.35am** Mischief (573784) **3.15** The New Music (768264) **4.15** Jobfinder (7828697)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (27931) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (45202) **9.30** Ysgolion (520028) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (32738) **12.30** The Magic Roundabout (81592) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (37318) **1.30** Those British Faces. James Robertson Justice (80863) **2.00** Raising The Wind (659221) **3.40** Lloyds Bank Film Challenge Shopping With The Enemy (5001592) **3.55** The Garden Club: Colchester (5354047) **4.30** Quids In (5067134) **4.45** Rocko's Modern Life (5062689) **5.00** 5 Pump: Maldwyn (8396318) **5.10** 5 Pump: Steddfwd (8178757) **5.30** Fifteen To One (950) **6.00** Newyddion (508370) **6.15** Heno (599573) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8912) **7.30** Taro Naw (389) **8.00** Teulu'r Tir (7660) **8.30** Newyddion (3467) **9.00** NYPD Blue (506950) **9.55** Sgorio (210776) **10.55** Roseanne (261950) **11.25** Friends (165283) **11.50** The Reptile (736196)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (77757) **8.00** Power Rangers (75467) **8.30** Blockbusters (74738) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (22047) **10.00** Concentration (21283) **10.30** Card Sharks (67202) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (79318) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (78554) **12.30pm** Designing Women (93270) **1.00** The Waltons (43775) **2.00** Matlock (22912) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4730221) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (6499919) **4.30** Power Rangers (5950) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (8931) **6.00** Spellbound (3115) **6.30** Family Ties (4467) **7.00** Rescue (9660) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3979) **8.00** Hawkeye (38080) **9.00** Miracles and Other Wonders (55844) **10.00** Quantum Leap (59931) **11.00** Late Show with Letterman Video Special (927080) **11.50** The Untouchables (521080) **12.45am** 21 Jump Street (7389993) **1.30** In Living Color (31351) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (4903500)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (2305080) **9.30** The Trial of O.J Simpson (5544738) **10.10** 60 Minutes (1185738) **11.00** News and Business (818516) **1.30pm** CBS News (35841) **2.30** Parliament Live (79467) **5.00** Live at Five (8475573) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (769641) **8.00** World News and Business (6950) **8.30** The O.J Simpson Trial (2767) **12.30am** CBS News (6965413) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8340719) **2.30** Parliament Replay (76559) **4.30** CBS News (59500) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (32806)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (3149842) **10.00 Harper Valley PTA** (1978) (14066486) **11.50 Hello, Dolly!** (1969) (64903283) **2.15pm The Rare Breed** (1966) (274554) **4.00 Inside Out** (1975) (3883) **6.00 The Man in the Moon** (1991) (60047) **8.00 The Piano** (1993) (58108641) **10.05 Rapid Fire** (1992) (703573) **11.45 1492: Conquest of Paradise** (1992) (54652573) **2.20am Heart of a Child** (1994) (4514883) **3.50-5.30 Garbo Talks** (1984) (35582158)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (39115) **4.00 Life with Father** (1947) (8115) **6.00 The Monster That Challenged the World** (1957) (59979) **8.00 Interiors** (1978) (21196) **10.00 Pale Rider** (1985) (648047) **11.55-2.00am Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown** (1988) (43740047)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Fort Massacre (1958) (4833863) **7.25 Thumbelina:** Cartoon (6867592) **8.20 The Little Mermaid:** Animation (1740196) **9.15 The Man in the Iron Mask** (1990): Animated swashbuckling (1312467) **10.10 The Stranger** (1946) (93067370) **11.50 The Hanging Tree** (1957) (13749047) **1.40pm Tarzan Escapes** (1936) (4535660) **3.10 Sirga the Lion** (8528592) **4.40 The Little Mermaid:** As 8.20am (7164738) **5.50 T Bone 'n' Weasel** (1992) (21799115) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (6589) **8.00 Betrayal of Trust** (1993) (63134) **10.00 Single White Female** (1992) (738134) **11.50 UFO: The Movie** (1993) (557080) **1.10am Tonya and Nancy: The Inside Story** (1994) (1763603) **2.40 The Big Blue** (1988) (866887) **4.35-6.00 The Magic Riddle** (1991) (7119671)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am The Big League (12383) **9.00** Sunday League Cricket Highlights (51573) **10.00** Aerobics Oz Style (67009) **10.30** Australian Rugby League, Live: State of Origin game between Queensland v New South Wales (686283) **1.00pm** Ford Escort Super Sunday (71202) **3.00** ATP Tennis (68047) **4.30** Windsurfing (6080) **5.00** WWF Mania (9825) **6.00** Soccer (686757) **6.15** Fish Tales (674912) **6.30** London Fives, Live (8932196) **11.00** Soccer News (238863) **11.15** Australian Rugby League (453221) **1.15-2.15am** America's Cup (833874)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (22405) **9.30** Tennis (26196) **11.00** Formula 3000 (93912) **12.00** Formula One (33554) **1.00pm** Football (68370) **3.00** Table Tennis (53115) **4.30** Karting (64370) **5.30** Formula One (1749202) **6.45** Mini News (307863) **7.00** Speedworld (18221) **9.00** Football (55641) **10.30** Boxing (84134) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (34080) **12.30-1.00am** Mini News (45806)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1056370) **8.30** Peyton Place (1055641) **9.00** As the World Turns (8660825) **10.00** Guiding Light (8538844) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8519080)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Video Trips (1068757) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4297405) **1.00** Ticket to Paradise (8520196) **1.30** The Restaurant Show (4296776) **2.00** Getaway (7774196) **2.30** Travels in Europe (9851467) **3.00** Asia's Last Frontier (1719028) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (9875047) **4.30** Boomerang (9864931) **5.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (7798776) **5.30** The Restaurant Show (9855283) **6.00** Europe (9852196) **6.30** American Vacation (5336825) **7.30** Getaway

Holly Hunter and Anna Paquin in *The Piano* (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

(9885660) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes ([illegible]) **8.30** Travel Guide (7773467) **9.30** American Trail ([illegible]) **10.30** Trailside (107[illegible]) **11.00** American Trail (1722502) **11.30-12.00** Cruising (8135370)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting ([illegible]) **9.30** Simply Delicious ([illegible]) **10.00** Running Repairs ([illegible]) **10.30** Take a Giant Step (7764221) **11.00** Only Human (5016432) **12.00** Magic or Medicine? (7085405) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious ([illegible]) **1.30** Painting ([illegible]) **2.00** Jimmy's (8458467) **2.30** Youth and Grief ([illegible]) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (8468202) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs ([illegible])

UK GOLD

7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (8068757) **7.30** Neighbours ([illegible]) **8.00** Sons and Daughters ([illegible]) **8.30** EastEnders (7743115) **9.00** The Bill ([illegible]) **9.30** Paul Temple ([illegible]) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (85477028) **11.35** Going for Gold (12656283) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7747931) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7055028) **1.00** EastEnders (9416298) **1.30** The Bill (7054399) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (8458825) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (5230221) **3.00** Knots Landing (3243844) **4.00** Dallas (3282979) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5940844) **5.35** Dick Emery (8045080) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1478738) **6.30** EastEnders (5222202) **7.00** Secret Army (2475931) **8.00** The Dawson Watch (8479689) **8.30** Naked Video (8457196) **9.00** A Sense of Guilt (2471115) **10.00** The Bill (7748560) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1531134) **11.05** Alas Smith and Jones (6630134) **11.40** Dr Who (9701825) **12.10am** FILM Dawn (1979): Biopic of Australian swimmer Dawn Fraser (9770413) **2.10** Shopping at Night (9840968)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (67660) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (38202) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (22009) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (44196) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3074080) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3002883) **9.00** Sesame Street (88641) **10.00** Tiny TCC (89757) **12.00** Madeline (47283) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (70115) **2.30** Barney and Friends (8080) **3.00** Dinobabies (3383) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (7775) **4.00** California Dreams (2660) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi (8844)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive including Deep Sea Dick (3783134) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (885689) **7.45** Rugrats (877660) **8.15** Mighty Max (953554) **8.45** NickAlive (4714432) **9.00** Nick Jr (665950) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (30757) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (50221) **1.00** Smoggies (62842) **1.30** Grimmy (59592) **2.00** Denver The Last Dinosaur (7080) **2.30** Galaxy High School (4486) **3.00** The Ferals (6115) **3.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (9931) **4.00** Mighty Max (5738) **4.30** Rugrats (7950) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1660) **5.30** Odyssey (8202) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (5115) **6.30-7.00** Pete and Pete (6467)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (5229115) **4.30** Crawl Into My Parlour (5225399) **5.00** Fire! (8470047) **5.30** Spirit of Survival (5249979) **6.00** Invention (7733711) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3017979) **7.30** Future Quest (5226028) **8.00** The Astronomers (2482221) **9.00** The Nature of Things (2479757) **10.00** Vanishing Worlds (2472844) **11.00-12.00** Elite Fighting Forces

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Brain From Planet Arous (1958): A jelly-like alien possesses a nuclear physicist (1230202) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7049467) **2.00** The Avengers (6905641) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8462028) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5237134) **4.00** FILM Cone of Silence (1960): A flying instructor investigates mysterious aircraft accidents. With Michael Craig (17308115) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6954950) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (5233318) **6.30** Man in a Suitcase (1120283) **7.30** Robin Hood (5213554) **8.00** The Avengers (2486047) **9.00** The New Avengers (2466283) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Monkey Shines: An Experiment in Fear (1988). A quadriplegic is terrorised by his simian helper (3237283)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4781318) **7.00** Living Magazine (7346554) **9.00** On the House (4746318) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5181370) **10.05** Health UK (2031467) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70820134) **11.00** The Young And The Restless (5854028) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89237009) **12.00** Kilroy (6196979) **12.55pm** Masterchef (1549009) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2028554) **2.00** Agony Hour (7937912) **3.00** Living Magazine (9378844) **4.00** Infatuation (2425028) **4.30** Crosswits (7687383) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75442554) **5.30** Take Six Cooks (7254080) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3915931) **6.30** Brookside (2426757) **7.00** Crosswits (6973931) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6327912) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6806641) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7555283) **9.00** FILM: Johnnie Mae Gibson: FBI (1986). An undercover policewoman is seduced by the criminal underworld (5416825) **11.00** Brookside (9358080) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7932467)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (2318) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (8196) **6.00** My Two Dads (6009) **6.30** Catchphrase (7919) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (2554) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (51080) **8.30** Home to Roost (7009) **9.00** Sirens (43318) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (48912) **10.30** Dangermouse (57660) **11.00** Lou Grant (45950) **12.00** Zorro (21558) **12.30am** Evening Shade (78158) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (86764) **1.30** Rhoda (34567) **2.00** Sirens (43606) **3.00** Lou Grant (69023) **4.00** Rhoda (32149) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (80177)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wildside (39687) **6.30** The Grind (18318) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4695689) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (5682405) **8.00** VJ Ingo (555009) **11.00** Soul (33115) **12.00** Greatest Hits (84202) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (93950) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52063738) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (4601202) **3.00** Cinematic (5119196) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (4181450) **4.00** MTV News (6150689) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6133912) **4.30** Dial MTV (2842) **5.00** Hit List UK (60134) **7.00** Greatest Hits (49592) **8.00** Unplugged With Live, Premiere (25912) **9.00** The Real World (75860) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (85931) **10.00** News (536554) **10.15** Cinematic (531009) **10.30** First Look (66318) **11.00** The End? (98757) **12.30am** The Grind (70516) **1.00** Soul (85697) **2.00** Videos (8526852)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8529467) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7522047) **12.00** The Bridge (4278370) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4294318) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8149573) **3.00** Into the Music (6520844) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4713573) **6.15** Prime Cuts (4718028) **6.30** VH-1 to 1. Elton John (9878134) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8331641) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (8351405) **10.00** The Bridge (8330912) **11.00** The Nightfly (9721047) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (6717158) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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7.00pm Small Town Girl (1953) (95849912) **9.00 Desire Me** (1947) (20822115) **11.00 Every Little Crook and Nanny** (1972) (33138298) **12.40am Scene of the Crime** (1949) (73819055) **2.15-5.00 Crimebusters** (1961) (52858790)

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Energis pact will allow residential telephones to bypass BT

Cable link is 'absolutely British Telecom's worst nightmare'

By Eric Reguly

ENERGIS, the long-distance telecommunications carrier owned by the National Grid, has reached a pioneering agreement with a cable operator that will allow cable-telephony customers to bypass BT and Mercury and connect directly to the Energis network.

Gordon Owen, chairman of Energis, said the agreement signals the first serious threat to BT's stranglehold on the residential telephony market. "This is absolutely British Telecom's worst nightmare," he said. Energis's "interconnection" agreement, expected to be announced this week, was struck with Telecential Communications of Reading, Britain's ninth-largest cable operator.

The company, owned by Telus Corporation, a provincial telephone company in western Canada, and Shaw Communications, a Canadian cable company, has franchises in the Midlands, the South East and the South West.

Energis is expected to sign interconnection agreements with other cable franchises over the next few months. It would not give their names, but it has been negotiating with TeleWest Communications, the largest cable company. TeleWest, in turn, represents other cable companies, some of which may follow the Telecential lead.

Outgoing calls placed by Telecential's cable-telephony customers will pass directly to Energis without going through BT's local loop. For the customer, this should allow cheaper calls. Cable companies claim they undercut BT by up to 25 per cent on local calls while Energis says its long-distance rates are between 10 per cent and 40 per cent cheaper than BT's.

Telecential has connected about 59,000 homes to its cable-TV system. Many of its customers take cable-telephony service as well. This number is tiny compared with the 20 million residential telephone lines in BT's portfolio, but BT admits the emerging alliances between Energis and the cable companies present a potential threat to its market dominance. "This would be an attack on us," BT said.

The number of cable-telephony lines is growing by about 50,000 a month. The Cable Communications Association expects 1.2 million cable-telephony lines to be in use by December 31, 1.8 million by the end of 1996 and about five million, or 25 per cent of BT's total, by 2000.

Cable companies soon will be earning most of their revenue from residential and business telephony, not TV programming. Energis, whose goal is to attract traffic to its high-capacity glass-fibre lines, which are strung along its electricity pylons, could effectively evolve into a mini-BT if enough cable companies sign interconnection agreements with it.

Energis, however, is limited in Britain. It has no licence to offer overseas calls and must buy capacity from BT and other operators at retail rates. Mr Owen, a former chief executive of rival Mercury Communications, said Energis has applied for an international licence and thinks there is a fair chance that the Government will approve it before the next election.

Rail fares to be capped for seven years

By Ross Tieman and James Lansdale

THE Government will today announce strict controls on key commuter and inter-city rail fares after privatisation.

Reversing the recent trend of government-prompted inflation-plus prices increases, Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, will limit fare rises in the private sector to the rate of inflation for the next three years. Rises over the following four years will be pegged at inflation minus 1 per cent.

To compensate for the seven-year price caps, ministers will commit the Government to a long-term increase in subsidies, now running at £1.61 billion a year.

The decision to cap prices reflects concern among ministers about the possible impact of a free-market rail system, amid signs that the rail sale plan is becoming increasingly unpopular with voters. Companies planning to bid for franchises will, however, be encouraged to see an increased level of guaranteed income from the Government while lower fares will make it easier to attract more rail travellers. In some franchises, subsidy provides 80 per cent of predicted revenue.

> "I believe that movement of the railways into the private sector will provide opportunities, not least of efficiencies ... and passengers should have some benefit. Government will provide whatever subsidy to the railway industry necessary."
> *Brian Mawhinney*

Dr Mawhinney declined to confirm details of price cap or subsidies yesterday. But he told the BBC's *On the Record* programme: "There is no question in my mind ... that in rail privatisation we have to find a balance that will produce benefits to the passenger and at the same time provide opportunities for the private operators who are going to be running the railways." The fare-cap announcement will come at the beginning of a key week for the rail sale programme. Roger Salmon, the rail franchise director, is expected to invite invitations to tender for the first three train operating franchises. Bidders have to indicate how much subsidy they require to run trains in the Great Western region serving Wales and the South West, commuter services on the London, Tilbury and Southend line and on the lines out of London's Waterloo Station served by South West Trains.

Mr Salmon is also expected to publish draft service standards required for the next four franchises that he plans to let. Public views will be sought on proposed standards for the East Coast Main Line between London and Edinburgh, ScotRail, the Midland Main Line running to Derby & Nottingham from London, and Network South Central, linking London with the south coast, and including services between London and Gatwick Airport.

Together with a contract to operate the West Coast Main Line from London to Glasgow, these moves will pave the way for Mr Salmon to franchise 51 per cent of services in time for the sale of Railtrack next spring. However, it is understood that the franchise director is also preparing contingency plans to let two more substantial commuter franchises in case the contract to rebuild and operate the West Coast Main Line falls behind schedule. Negotiations between Railtrack and all the other parties are proving extremely complex.

Increased subsidies to compensate for price caps will bolster the argument for the Government to minimise the cost to taxpayers by retaining the profits and cash flow of Railtrack, the track, signals and stations company. One-off receipts from privatising Railtrack are now forecast to reach little more than £2.5 billion, after a government U-turn on the company's required rate of return in January. Critics argue that it would make more sense to husband public money by keeping Railtrack in the public sector until efficiency gains have been achieved.

Sale of British Rail's rolling stock and other assets this year is expected to bring in more than £2 billion — sufficient, with nuclear power privatisation, to provide substantial pre-election tax cuts. However, rail industry leaders insist that the Government remains politically determined to complete the sale of Railtrack rapidly, whatever the long-term cost to taxpayers.

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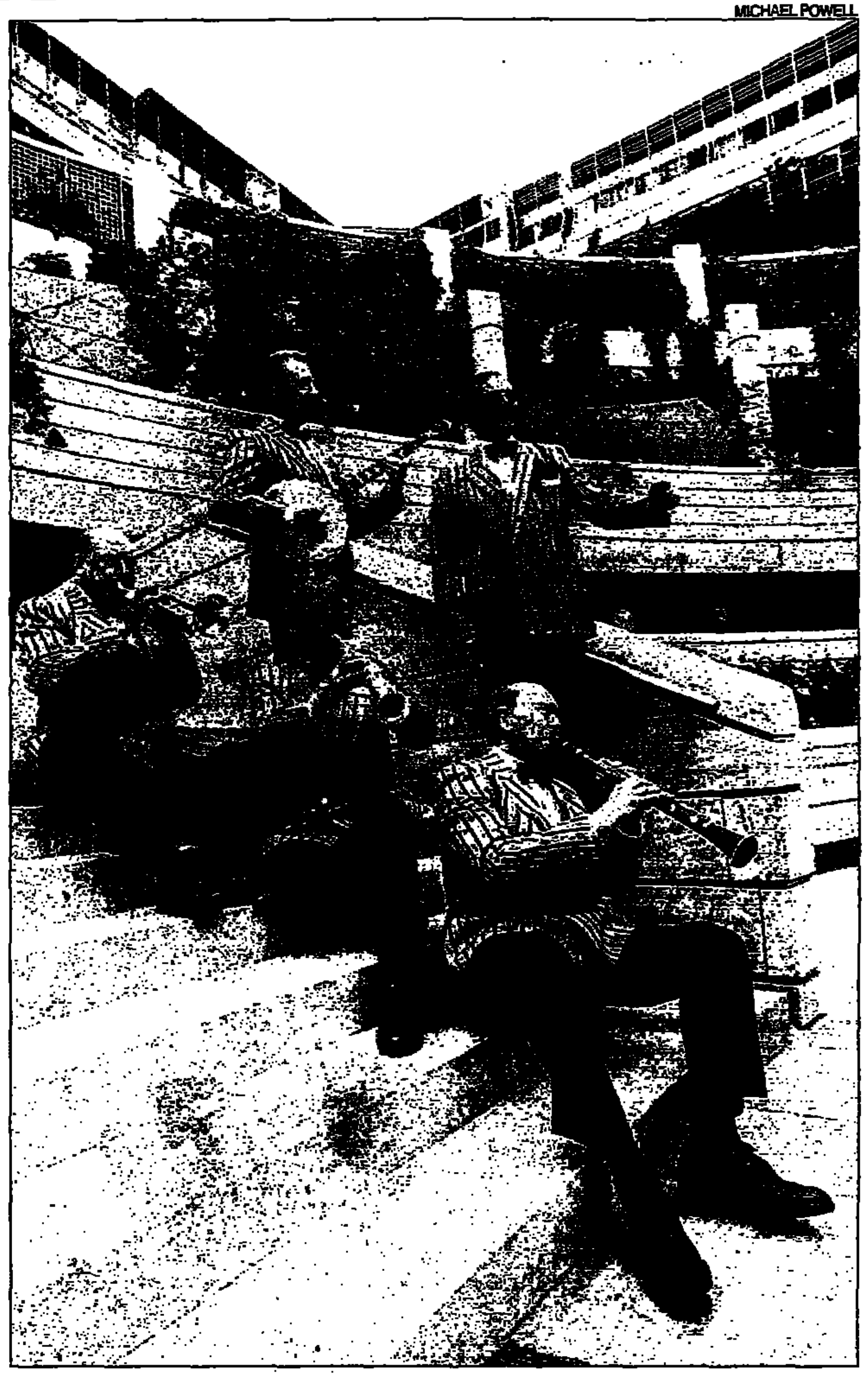


Summer in the City: the NatWest Jazz Band tunes up for the first of the Broadgate summer events, starting at lunchtime today. Others in the five-month programme of entertainment include human table football, beach volleyball and American football

Siemens seeks big British acquisition

By Colin Narbrough, world trade correspondent

SIEMENS, the German electronics and electrical engineering group, is seeking a significant acquisition in Britain, attracted by the widening cost gap with Germany.

GPT, the telecommunications equipment company in which Siemens took a 40 per cent stake in 1989 as junior partner to Lord Weinstock's GEC, with 60 per cent, will not be affected by the German company's possible new acquisition in Britain.

Heinrich von Pierer, chairman of the Siemens management board, told *The Times* that talks had taken place on an important United Kingdom acquisition 18 months ago but had come to nothing. He declined to say which industrial sector Siemens is targeting. The group's British operations already employ about 10,000 people and last year had a turnover close to £1.3 billion, excluding any business from GPT.

Last year Siemens made two relatively small acquisitions in Britain. These were the purchase of BTR's 51 per cent stake in Dunlop automotive composites, a joint venture with Ford, and Cablestream, the former network systems arm of the ACT Group.

But Siemens has also established a bridgehead in the United Kingdom power station market, made a breakthrough in the rail market with the Heathrow Express project to build a fleet of trains, and secured important contracts for its UK air traffic systems subsidiary.

Herr von Pierer said he would "welcome the chance to do more" in Britain, highlighting the much lower labour and social costs compared with Germany and the devaluation of the pound.

He said Siemens was naturally happy to win contracts in Britain but that he wanted to "add value locally and do everything to increase local content". Exporting to countries from the UK was particularly interesting.

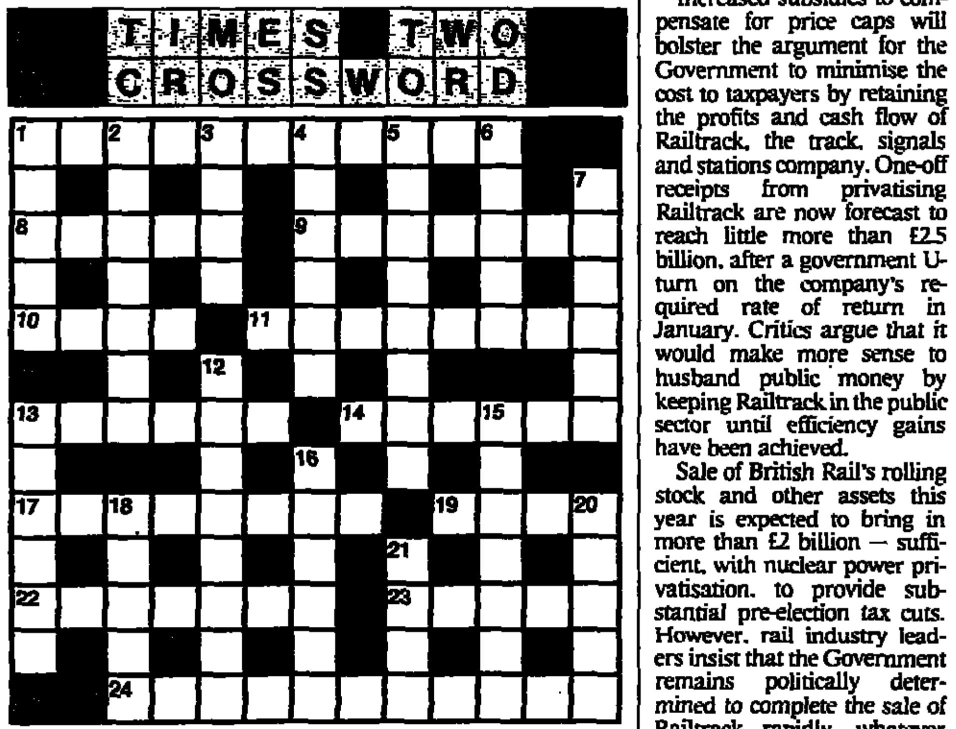
He added that he could not see Britain's big cost advantage disappearing in the foreseeable future and noted that the recent wage settlements in Germany had only widened the gap. "What we really need is to build up more centres of competence outside of Germany," he added.

Airbus and Boeing talks in jeopardy

PARTNERS in Airbus Industrie are poised to pull the plug on talks with Boeing aimed at joint production of a huge 600-seat plus airliner for the next century (Ross Tieman writes).

Boeing is expected instead to develop enlarged versions of its 747 "Jumbo" eventually carrying up to 600 passengers, while Airbus will stretch its long-range A340 model from 300 to 350 seats.

Only two airlines, British Airways and Singapore Airlines, have said they would buy a 600-seat plane. Unless more are keen to place orders, Airbus will shelve its plans for a super-Jumbo, the A3XX.



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8 Do impression (of) (5)
9 Mollify (7)
10 Treaty partner (4)
11 Gem; firework (8)
13 The Barber of Seville (6)
14 Mildly nauseous (6)
17 Peak travel time (4,4)
19 Placid (4)
22 Wide-bladed kitchen knife (7)
23 Destroy (one's) nerve (5)
24 Easy task (5,2,4)

DOWN
1 Islands near Fiji, Western half independent (5)
2 A delay (4-3)
3 Pre-Spanish Peruvian (4)
4 Grape brandy (6)
5 A punch from below (5-3)
6 S African village (5)
7 Provide money (for expenses) (6)
12 Nobleman; Beethoven trio (8)
13 Nottingham club; royal hunting-ground (6)
15 Blood deficiency (7)
16 S American tree resin, strong poison (6)
18 Bring foot down heavily (5)
20 Grind small (5)
21 Gap: a Stream; a recent War (4)

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ICI aims to turn acrylics into £1bn-a-year business

By Neil Bennett

ICI is studying plans to build a £100 million acrylics plant in Asia and more than doubling the capacity of its acrylics plant in The Netherlands in an effort to develop the operation into a £1-billion-a-year business by the end of the decade.

The group also quietly separated its acrylics business into a separate division at the beginning of the month to enable it to expand as rapidly as possible. With sales of almost £700 million a year, ICI Acrylics has trebled in size in the past two years and is now the world's largest acrylics manufacturer.

Scott Davidson, chief executive of ICI Acrylics, is looking for a site in Asia for the new acrylics plant. It is likely to be built in Malaysia, but Indonesia is also a possibility. It is planned to manufacture 150,000 tonnes of methyl methacrylate (MMA), the basic acrylic constituent, a year making it the second-largest plant of its kind in the world.

Meanwhile, ICI is investing an estimated £10 million to expand its acrylic polymer plant in Rozenburg in The Netherlands. This will increase its capacity from 15,000 to 40,000 tonnes by the middle of next year.

ICI has signed a succession of deals to boost its output of acrylics. In January, it acquired Kloeckner Pentatec, an acrylic manufacturer in the former East Germany. In March, it agreed to invest £33 million to expand its MMA plant in Texas. The group has also agreed to buy up to 30,000 of MMA from Russia and Slovakia a year.

Own-label goods maker aims to raise up to £170m

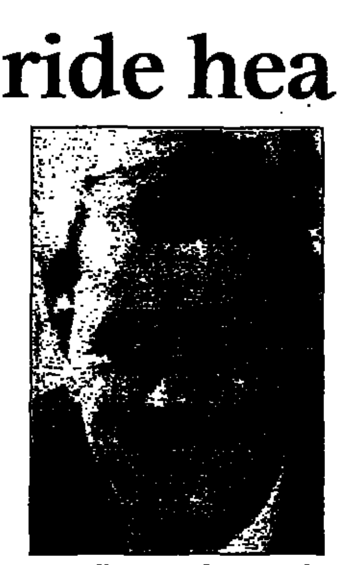
McBride heads for market

By Philip Pangalos

McBRIDE, Europe's leading manufacturer of supermarket own-label household and personal care products, plans to float on the stock market in the next few months in a move likely to capitalise the group at up to £350 million.

The company, which was the subject of a £275 million management buy-in from BP Nutrition in May 1993, plans to raise up to £170 million of new money in a placing and offer for sale. Kleinwort Benson and Lehman Brothers will co-lead manage the issue, involving combined UK and international retail offers.

Mike Handley, group managing director, led the buy-in team in 1993 and was backed by a syndicate of investors led by Legal & General Ventures and Lehman Brothers. He is set to become a paper millionaire. A team of 115 managers, including Mr Handley, has a combined stake of 10 per cent. Mr Handley's stake is 3 per cent, although that will be diluted to between 1 and 1.3 per cent on flotation.



Handley: growth expected

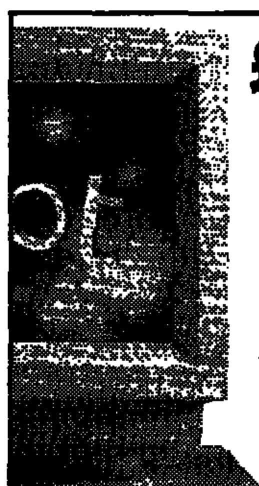
Mr Handley said: "Private label household goods and personal care products have established a secure and developing share of the grocery retail market in recent years.

"This is because private label offers the consumer quality products at lower prices and provides the retailer with higher margins than branded goods. Further growth is expected both in the UK and on the Continent. Flotation will support the further development of our private label activities in our existing and in new geographic markets."

McBride, which includes air fresheners, shampoos and deodorants among its products, is effectively returning to the London stock market, as it was previously quoted between 1973 and 1978.

The company, comprising the former consumer products division of BP Nutrition, has factories in Manchester, Bradford and Hull and on the Continent. Since the buy-in, the group has acquired Longthorne Laboratories, a UK private label personal care business, and the private label textile washing powder business of Albright & Wilson in the UK and Spain.

McBride's customers include Tesco, Sainsbury, Safeway and Asda as well supermarket groups in France, Belgium and Italy. The group made operating profits of £34.9 million in the year to June 30 1994, on turnover of £409 million, with just over half of it coming from the UK.



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